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**From:** Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]  
**Sent:** 3/17/2017 8:10:44 PM  
**To:** Freire, JP (Hatch) [JP\_Freire@hatch.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Jackson, Ryan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=38bc8e18791a47d88a279db2fec8bd60-Jackson, Ry]; Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]; Dravis, Samantha [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ece53f0610054e669d9dffe0b3a842df-Dravis, Sam]; Brown, Byron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9242d85c7df343d287659f840d730e65-Brown, Byro]  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Flint Op-Ed 415 Words

3415 is a good location. That is your OPA conf room.

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**From:** Freire, JP (Hatch) [mailto:JP\_Freire@hatch.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 4:09 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Flint Op-Ed 415 Words

Folks, we will be sitting down at 4:50 or so to go over the plan for next week. I'm not sure about the available meeting space but if someone could make a call on that I'd be much obliged.

On Mar 16, 2017, at 12:47 PM, Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)> wrote:

Working on placement now. If you all want to work on edits in the meantime...

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It's been said, "Those who fail to remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I remember being in Oklahoma at the time the Flint water crisis began making national headlines, seeing the horror the people of Michigan had to live through. While I am prayerful no city in our country has to experience what the folks of Flint experienced, there is still work to be done to ensure history is not repeated. But it's not government regulations that can fix this problem, it's shovels in the ground. As your EPA Administrator, I am proud to award a \$100 million grant to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to replace lead service lines and make other critical infrastructure improvements in the Flint community. It is our hope this grant will accelerate the work still needed to be done in order to make critical infrastructure improvements.

This funding was made available by the WIIN act, which was the result of months of effort by Senators Stabenow and Peters and Rep. Kildeer, who should be commended for their diligent work. The crisis in Flint has shone a light on a problem that has been too easily ignored for years. Flint is not alone in grappling with aged, oversized infrastructure and a legacy of lead service lines ... cities across the country are struggling to address the same problems. What works for one community may not be best for another. That's why states and local governments -- including utilities -- will be the ones leading the way.

Over the years, EPA has provided more than \$32.5 billion to states for water infrastructure upgrades through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This helps states provide low-interest loans to

communities for local projects. As money is paid back to the fund, new loans go to other recipients. The repayments allow the state fund to “revolve” and function like an infrastructure bank. Reliable drinking water infrastructure is critical to public health and every aspect of our economy. Unfortunately, data shows that a \$660 billion investment in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure is needed over the next 20 years. Clearly, as a nation, we need to make our infrastructure dollars work smarter and harder. I am confident with President Trump’s leadership and cooperation of states across our country, Americans will be pleased by EPA’s commitment to improving water quality for all and overhauling our nation’s aging and oversized infrastructure. Flint, Michigan was a lesson – and let’s hope we learned from it.

Message

**From:** Harris, Molly [Molly.Harris@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/15/2017 11:45:49 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]  
**CC:**

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 Lyons, Troy  
[/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: Congressional Baseball Game

Just let me know when you have a better idea of what time y'all will be arriving. My cell phone is 

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 please feel free to call or text anytime. I'll be finding out here shortly if all gates will be open or just the main one. I'll meet the Administrator and Troy and we'll go from there.

JMS is very pleased he'll be joining!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2017, at 6:11 PM, Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Molly! I believe he is a large. Not sure on time frame yet but I am looping in the PSD Agents who will be there for their awareness.

Thank you!

**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator  

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**From:** Harris, Molly [<mailto:Molly.Harris@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 6:01 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Congressional Baseball Game

Sydney,

I'm waiting for my boss right now he's currently in an event. We are so excited for your boss to join the group! We even have Team Shimkus t-shirts, so please let me know what size he wears. Opening ceremonies of the games start tomorrow at 6:30, but my boss will arrive for warm ups at 5:30 and your boss is welcome to join. Let me know what time frame you are thinking and that'll give me a better idea logistics wise.

Molly Harris

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2017, at 5:53 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Great! I've added Sydney Hupp, the Administrator's scheduler.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2017, at 5:42 PM, Haverly, Jordan <[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Absolutely! I've added Molly Harris in our office to coordinate any logistics, and I will let the congressman know.

Thank you,

Jordan

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**Jordan Haverly**

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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**From:** "Lyons, Troy" <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 5:33 PM

**To:** "Haverly, Jordan" <[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov)>

**Cc:** "Ringel, Aaron" <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Congressional Baseball Game

Jordan, Chairman Shimkus offered to host Administrator Pruitt at the Congressional baseball game tomorrow night. The Administrator was previously going to be out of town, but now will be here and would like to take him up on his offer. Is it possible for the Administrator to attend tomorrow night and join the team in the dugout?

A contribution will be made for the charities.

Many thanks,

Troy

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Gray, Jason [Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/13/2017 6:37:34 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]; Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]  
**Subject:** RE: Hold Room

It's our smaller meeting room within our office suite. So same location, 2007 Rayburn. It's on the left as you enter, but we'll guide you from there.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:31 PM  
To: Gray, Jason <Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov>  
Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>  
Subject: Hold Room

Jason-do you have room number or the hold room?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Gray, Jason [Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/13/2017 6:06:16 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Opening statement

I'll double check with Calvert tomorrow, but given the tight schedule, I don't think there will be an opportunity to meet beforehand b/c he'll be coming directly from the Mattis/Defense hearing along with several others.

We have a full committee markup at 2pm so Calvert will encourage members to be judicious with their time so we can finish by 1pm. Everyone will want a break in between the hearing and the markup. But given that we have another hearing at the same time (DOT), we need to see when members will be arriving and leaving -- particularly Lowey, Frelinghuysen and Joyce who will be pulling double duty. We'll want to give them an opportunity to ask their questions -- Frelinghuysen may first attend Chao/DOT and then come to Pruitt/EPA for Q&A. All that is to say, we expect to be finished by 1pm, but can't promise a true hard stop.

I'm hopeful that we finish in 1hr 54min like last year.

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From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:57 PM  
To: Gray, Jason <Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov>  
Subject: RE: Opening statement

Awesome. Thanks, Jason.

What time would you like us up there so he can visit with the Chair? Also, are we still on track for a hard stop at 1?

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, Jason [mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:30 PM  
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Opening statement

Apologies -- just bios and witness list posted prior to hearing. We'll post the statements immediately following the hearing.

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From: Gray, Jason  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 12:25 PM  
To: 'Lyons, Troy' <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Opening statement

Hi Troy -- It's due 5 days prior to the hearing. I believe Ed sent all the materials last night (testimony, witness list, bios, etc), which we have distributed to our associate staff. We haven't posted online yet. That happens 24hrs prior to the hearing.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:43 AM  
To: Gray, Jason <Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov>  
Subject: Opening statement

When is it due to the committee?

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** King, Emily [Emily.King@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/21/2017 8:12:57 PM  
**To:** Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Field, Ian [Ian.Field@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

No problem, Madeline. Does the Administrator have any availability to meet with the Chairwoman next week?

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; King, Emily <Emily.King@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Field, Ian <Ian.Field@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Happy to set the one-on-one up. Sorry I thought you were still talking about setting up the full meeting. We might need to look into September, since August is so up in the air.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 11:18 AM  
**To:** King, Emily <Emily.King@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Field, Ian <Ian.Field@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Yes, a one on one would be great between the Administrator and the Congresswoman.

I think September will still be premature for a discussion on regional offices.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 11:05 AM, King, Emily <Emily.King@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Madeline,

Thanks so much for getting back to me! I believe Ian and Troy chatted about this earlier this week. My understanding is that we'd still like to schedule a one-on-one between the Chairwoman and Administrator, and push the meeting with the delegation to September. Please let me know if that is possible on your end.

Best,  
Emily

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** King, Emily <Emily.King@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

No worries, sorry I was under the impression that our Head of Intergovernmental Affairs and your Chief of Staff discussed that this meeting doesn't need to happen.

Let me know if you heard something different.

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**From:** King, Emily [<mailto:Emily.King@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:43 AM  
**To:** Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Hi Madeline,

My apologies for the double email, but wanted to circle back on the request below. Please let me know if the Administrator has time to meet with the Chairwoman next week.

Best,  
Emily

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**From:** King, Emily  
**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 5:27 PM  
**To:** 'Morris, Madeline' <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Hi Madeline,

Hope you had a nice weekend. I wanted to follow up on this meeting request. Please let me know if you need any additional information from me.

Best,  
Emily

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**From:** King, Emily  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 3:11 PM  
**To:** 'Morris, Madeline' <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Yes, that works. Have a great weekend!

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [<mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 2:33 PM  
**To:** King, Emily <[Emily.King@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emily.King@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Hi Emily,

So sorry for the delay. I'm hoping to get that week's travel firmed out over the weekend and can circle back with you on Monday. Would that work?

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**From:** King, Emily [<mailto:Emily.King@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 2:15 PM  
**To:** Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>; Field, Ian <[ian.Field@mail.house.gov](mailto:ian.Field@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Hi Madeline,

I wanted to circle back and see if the Administrator has any time to meet with the Chairwoman on July 26. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information from me.

Thanks!  
Emily

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**From:** King, Emily  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** 'Morris, Madeline' <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>; Field, Ian <[lan.Field@mail.house.gov](mailto:lan.Field@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Good morning Madeline,

My apologies for the delay! Attached is the scheduling request form. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Best,  
Emily

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [<mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 4:04 PM  
**To:** Field, Ian <[lan.Field@mail.house.gov](mailto:lan.Field@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** King, Emily <[Emily.King@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emily.King@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Appreciate it!

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**From:** Field, Ian [<mailto:lan.Field@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 3:58 PM  
**To:** Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** King, Emily <[Emily.King@mail.house.gov](mailto:Emily.King@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Hi Madeline,

Thanks so much for sending this form! I've included the Chair's scheduler Emily King; she will send back the completed form shortly.

Please let me know if there's anything else you need from us.

All the best,  
Ian

On Jul 10, 2017, at 12:32 PM, Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ian,

I hope you had a good weekend! I'm the Administrator's scheduler over here at EPA. I was hoping you could fill out, to the best of your ability, a scheduling request form. We are trying to get one for every request that the Administrator gets.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Best,  
Maddy

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**From:** Field, Ian [<mailto:ian.Field@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Spokane can make Region 10 great again

Super, I really appreciate it!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 7, 2017, at 9:34 AM, Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ian-

Apologies as I've been on travel. Roping in our scheduler to check with both Ryan and timing re Pruitt's schedule for that week.

Best.

Tate

On Jul 7, 2017, at 12:18 PM, Field, Ian <[ian.Field@mail.house.gov](mailto:ian.Field@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tate:

I hope you had a great 4th of July. Wanted to follow up on this request. Can you help or connect me with the right person to work with?

Thanks very much,  
Ian

**Ian Field**

Chief of Staff

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

On Jun 28, 2017, at 8:58 AM, Field, Ian <[ian.Field@mail.house.gov](mailto:ian.Field@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, Tate:

A several weeks back I had some conversations with Ryan Jackson about possible ways to improve the location of the Region 10 headquarters and he recommended we put together a group of people to come and make the case to Administrator Pruitt. We also discussed briefly with Ken Wagner on May 18.

We have a group from Spokane, including the Mayor of Spokane and the Conference Chair, who would like to make this presentation. My boss would love to find a time that works for her to bring this group to present to the Administrator, and we've identified the week of July 24 as a possible window. Can you help or direct me to the correct person on your team to work with?

Thanks so much—really appreciate it!

All my best,  
Ian

**Ian Field**  
Chief of Staff  
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

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**From:** Smith, Heather [Heather.K.Smith@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/7/2017 2:59:53 PM  
**To:** Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Hello,

Would 4 or 4:30 work for this meeting on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>?

Thanks,

**Heather K. Smith**  
Staff Assistant/Scheduler  
Congressman Tom MacArthur (NJ-03)  
**Heather.K.Smith@mail.house.gov**  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
Phone: (202) 225-4765



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**From:** Smith, Heather  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:50 PM  
**To:** 'Morris, Madeline'  
**Cc:** 'Lyons, Troy'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

No problem! Sometime between 4 and 6 would work for Rep. MacArthur. Does that work on your end?

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**From:** Morris, Madeline [<mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 4:48 PM  
**To:** Smith, Heather  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Hi Heather,

Thanks for reaching out. Administrator Pruitt is scheduled to be on travel that week. But we could look at the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. I have also included Troy who heads up our Intergovernmental Affairs.

Best,  
Maddy

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**From:** Smith, Heather [<mailto:Heather.K.Smith@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline <[morris.madeline@epa.gov](mailto:morris.madeline@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Great! Is he available between 2 and 5pm on September 5<sup>th</sup>?

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**From:** Hupp, Millan [<mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, Heather  
**Cc:** Morris, Madeline; Bennett, Tate  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Heather,

Good afternoon. We can certainly look at availability in September. I have copied the Administrator's scheduler who will work with you to find the time.

Thank you so much for reaching out.

Warm regards,  
Millan

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**From:** Smith, Heather [<mailto:Heather.K.Smith@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:53 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Meeting w/ Administrator Pruitt

Millan,

Last week, Congressman Tom MacArthur met Administrator Pruitt last week at the White House. Administrator Pruitt suggested a meeting between the two of them at the EPA. He is hoping to set this up for some time in September. Can you let me know the Administrator's availability?

Best,

**Heather K. Smith**  
Staff Assistant/Scheduler  
Congressman Tom MacArthur (NJ-03)  
[Heather.K.Smith@mail.house.gov](mailto:Heather.K.Smith@mail.house.gov)  
506 Cannon House Office Building  
Phone: (202) 225-4765



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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 8/7/2017 2:39:48 PM  
**To:** Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) [Jessica\_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Brusegaard, Tom (Hoeven) [Tom\_Brusegaard@hoeven.senate.gov]; Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) [Ryan\_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ND Farm Visit

Jessica- I coordinate trips and I know who these people are----they have been coordinating the stop thus far. Thanks.

You need to clear up any miscommunication you've has with the Governor's office as it's not on us to decide "whose event this is." We are within 48 hours of the event. Levi has said you all have been working together jointly on this.

You are welcome to reach out to me directly if you have names in mind and can't get ahold of the Governor's office.

Thanks in advance for working together on this.

Tate

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On Aug 7, 2017, at 10:25 AM, Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) <[Jessica\\_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)> wrote:

Tate -

For the senator's office to coordinate this meeting, whom at EPA should we be working with. We've been receiving information from Troy Lyons who said you would be the POC for this. Levi is in the governor's office and Ethan Matthews is with the National Corn Growers. This meeting was at the senator's request and we would like to handle the planning. Is that not possible?

Jessica

**Jessica Lee**

State Director  
U.S. Senator John Hoeven  
123 Broadway Suite 201  
Fargo, ND 58103  
Office: 701.239.5114

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 7, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) <[Jessica\\_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Brusegaard, Tom (Hoeven) <[Tom\\_Brusegaard@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Tom_Brusegaard@hoeven.senate.gov)>; Bachmeier, Levi <[lebachmeier@nd.gov](mailto:lebachmeier@nd.gov)>; Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) <[Ryan\\_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: ND Farm Visit

Hi Jessica-

I believe your office and Levi set this up alongside Ethan Matthews with the corn growers. I suggest Tom check in with either of them, but I'll be sure pass along anything we get back from them today.

Thanks!  
Tate

On Aug 7, 2017, at 9:22 AM, Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) <[Jessica.Lee@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica.Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Tate,

I understand through Levi Bachmeier that Administrator Pruitt has accepted the senator's invitation to visit a farm and have a discussion with some of North Dakota's grower groups. Will you please connect with Tom Brusegaard, the senator's agriculture specialist to coordinate this stop of the senator's visit to North Dakota.

We would like to get invitations out to stakeholders by this afternoon.

Thank you,  
Jessica

**Jessica Lee**  
State Director  
U.S. Senator John Hoeven  
123 Broadway Suite 201  
Fargo, ND 58103  
Office: 701.239.5114

Message

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**Sent:** 8/7/2017 2:06:46 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: BURGUM TO HOST EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT IN FARGO, GRAND FORKS

Troy –

Just wanted to flag for you our two state staffers who will be at each of the events this Wednesday.

Fargo – Renae Aarfor

Grand Forks – Matthew Leiphon

Thanks again for working with us to get us the info as soon you could.

Liam

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**Sent:** Friday, August 04, 2017 6:15 PM  
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**Cc:** Gould, Tessa (Heitkamp)  
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Best --

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**Sent:** 8/5/2017 10:14:02 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) [Ryan\_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Administrator Visit to ND

Will do. Thank you.

Jessica Lee

State Director

U.S. Senator John Hoeven

123 Broadway Suite 201

Fargo, ND 58104

701.239.5114

On Aug 5, 2017, at 5:06 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Fantastic!

Yes, Tate's email is: [Bennett.tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.tate@epa.gov)

Please copy when if you don't mind

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 4:18 PM, Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) <[Jessica\\_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)> wrote:

Can it just be clear that Senator Hoeven's office will be sending out the invites and coordinating this meeting? It sounds like I should have Tate's contact information so she can with with us. Can you connect us?

And yes, we could certainly want to invite the Congressman as well.

Thanks.

Jessica

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On Aug 5, 2017, at 2:58 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I do. She used to be in my shop but now handles the scheduling of external events.

I just spoke w her and she informed me that everything is a go for the stop.

I am glad t could work out. Are you all ok w inviting Congressman Cramer as well?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2017, at 3:17 PM, Lee, Jessica (Hoeven)  
<[Jessica.Lee@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica.Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)> wrote:

Troy-

Do you work with Tate Bennet? Apparently she has cleared this stop with Pruitt's scheduler and the Governors office. The Governors staff is now telling me they want it to do it but at another location. We might be fine with the location change but want to be sure the EPA is working with our office directly and we are not working through the Governors office to plan this event that we requested.

Pleas let me know if it is you we should be working with or contact information for Tate, who now seems to be coordinating this event we requested with the gov's office.

Thank you.

Jessica

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State Director

U.S. Senator John Hoeven

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Fargo, ND 58104

701.239.5114

On Aug 5, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Lyons, Troy

[<lyons.troy@epa.gov>](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov) wrote:

I have sent a note to our scheduling and planning folks. I am going to ping them again today so we can get you an answer asap.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2017, at 3:27 PM, Lee, Jessica (Hoeven)

[<Jessica\\_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov>](mailto:Jessica_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)  
wrote:

Troy –

I know you are busy so I'm just going to propose an addition to schedule and you can get in touch with me when you arrive at your destination.

Following the roundtable in Fargo, the senator would like to invite the administrator to meet with leaders from local grower groups and area farmers. While we appreciate the opportunity for our elected officials to meet with Administrator Pruitt, we believe it would be a valuable addition for him to hear

directly from the  
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The logistics of our  
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to North Dakota.

My cell is: 701-204-  
1061

Thanks,

Jessica

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[mailto:[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)]

**Sent:** Friday, August 4,  
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**To:** Lee, Jessica  
(Hoeven)  
<[Jessica.Lee@hoeven.senate.gov](mailto:Jessica.Lee@hoeven.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Bernstein, Ryan

(Hoeven)  
<Ryan\_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov>

**Subject:** Re:  
Administrator Visit to  
ND

Sorry for the delay. On  
the road w the admin.  
Can you give me a buzz  
later today? 202-309-  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 5:52  
PM, Lee, Jessica  
(Hoeven)  
<Jessica\_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov> wrote:

Troy,

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**CC:** Pawlow, Jon [Jon.Pawlow@mail.house.gov]; Bennitt, Ian [Ian.Bennitt@mail.house.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Fox, Elizabeth [Elizabeth.Fox@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS update for Chairman Graves

Hi Aaron,

Our boss would like to request an in-person meeting with Administrator Pruitt sometime next week. We are happy to host here in 430 Cannon. Please let me know if one of the following times might work on your end.

*Monday, June 12 between 2:00-4:30pm*

*Tuesday, June 13 8:00-9:00am*

*Thursday, June 15 1:00-2:00pm, between 3:00-5:00pm*

Thanks in advance for working with us on this.

Best,

**Samantha Tillery** | Scheduler  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** Fox, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** Tillery, Samantha; Pawlow, Jon; Bennitt, Ian; Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS update for Chairman Graves

Thanks Elizabeth.

Sam, would the Chairman like an in person meeting or a call? If you can you shoot me some times that would work with his schedule I can work with our team here to make sure we have the appropriate issue area experts available.

Also, will he want to discuss environmental banks, in regards to Sec. 5014 of WIIN/WRDA 2016, as well?

Best,  
Aaron

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**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Tillery, Samantha <[Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov](mailto:Samantha.Tillery@mail.house.gov)>; Pawlow, Jon <[Jon.Pawlow@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Pawlow@mail.house.gov)>; Bennitt, Ian <[Ian.Bennitt@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ian.Bennitt@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** WOTUS update for Chairman Graves

Hi Aaron,

Chairman Graves would like an update on what is going on with the WOTUS rule rewrite this week. I've cc'd Sam – who can assist you with scheduling.

Thank you very much,

Elizabeth

**Elizabeth S. Fox**  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee  
202-225-4360

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**Subject:** RE: Science Committee Letter

I don't see a reason why that would be a problem. Will confirm and get back to you shortly.

-Aaron

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**From:** Brazauskas, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 9:53 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Science Committee Letter

Aaron,

Thank you for the letter. I wanted to inquire about the possibility of having staff from the Science Committee attend the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. This would include our Minority counterparts as well. Would it be amenable to have a few staff attend?

Thanks,  
Joe

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 9:46 AM  
**To:** Brazauskas, Joseph <Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Science Committee Letter

Joe, here's a copy of the final letter. Give me a ring if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Best,  
Aaron

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017 3:11 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Science Committee Letter

Thanks for the update, Aaron, appreciate it.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017 3:06 PM

**To:** Brazauskas, Joseph <[Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Science Committee Letter

Working through the final version with our program staff now, hope to have it finalized and over to you by COB today and NLT than tomorrow morning if it takes longer.

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**From:** Brazauskas, Joseph [<mailto:Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017 11:01 AM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Science Committee Letter

Aaron, just checking in to see if you have an update on the response letter.

Thanks,  
Joe

Joseph A. Brazauskas  
Staff Director and Senior Counsel  
Subcommittee on Environment  
Committee on Science, Space and Technology  
Lamar Smith, Chairman  
P: (202) 225-6371

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**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Minority Responses--Carper Conversation

Thanks. Helpful recap.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>; Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) <Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov>; Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPW Minority Responses--Carper Conversation

I wanted to provide a readout on our conversation with Ranking Member Carper and his staff. We took Susan into meet with the Ranking Member yesterday and he brought up EPA's responses. In front of Senator Carper, Michal claimed we have only responded to four letters to which I pushed back to explain that we have provided responses to **11 of the 19** EPW minority letters we have received. She said "incomplete" or "non-answers" (or responses they do not like) do not count. I told the Ranking Member that I was committed to being as responsive as possible to him and his staff. He asked me to come back to provide him with an update.

He is definitely going to make this a theme moving forward. We will continue to provide responses to the minority in a timely manner.

Let us know if you need anything else.

Many thanks,

Troy

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**Troy M. Lyons**  
Associate Administrator  
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Re content, yes, WOTUS and Sec 5014 of WIIN/WRDA. Sam will loop back on scheduling. Thanks Aaron

**Ian Bennitt** | Legislative Director  
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**To:** Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]  
**CC:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Leander, Tommy [Tommy.Leander@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Christian,

We look forward to see you all and Administrator Pruitt tomorrow at 9:30 am. Tommy Leander (cc'd here) will be in attendance with David tomorrow.

Thank you for organizing!

**Ashley Sylvester**  
*Office Manager / Press Assistant*  
Office of U.S. Congressman David Schweikert (AZ06)  
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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Ashley  
**Cc:** Ringel, Aaron; Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Ashley,

Excellent. We are confirmed for a meeting with Congressman Schweikert at 9:30AM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, here at the EPA. We are located at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave in the William Jefferson Clinton North Building. (Right above the Federal Triangle Metro Stop.) If you or a staffer with the Congressman want to let me know shortly before you arrive, I will be waiting for you outside of the building to bring you up to the Administrator's office. My cell phone is Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Thanks, and I look forward to meeting you.

*Christian Rodrick*  
*Special Assistant*  
*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:39 PM

**To:** Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Christian,

Do you have 9 or 9:30 am available on July 13<sup>th</sup>? Typically we will not have any Congressional business interrupt meetings during that timeframe. If Admin Pruitt isn't available, however, we would be delighted to meet at 10:30 am.

Thank you for making the time available!

**Ashley Sylvester**  
*Office Manager*  
Office of U.S. Congressman David Schweikert (AZ06)  
2059 Rayburn House Office | Washington, D.C. 20515  
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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [<mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Ashley,

By way of introduction, my name is Christian and I work with Aaron on Congressional Affairs at the EPA. Does the Congressman have any availability on the morning of Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>? If so, I see a potential opening between 10:30AM-11:00AM or 11:30AM-12:00PM here at the EPA.

Let me know if there is any way that this might work for the Congressman. If not I will reach back out to our scheduling team until we find a time that works.

Thanks,

*Christian Rodrick*  
*Special Assistant*  
*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Aaron,

Just wanted to follow up about this request for July.

Thanks!

Ashley Sylvester

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 3:33 PM

**To:** Sylvester, Ashley

**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Will check with his scheduler and circle back around. Have a great weekend as well!

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 3:29 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Aaron,

No worries! Would July 11<sup>th</sup> or July 17<sup>th</sup> in between 3:30-6:30 pm possibly work? Thank you for your response!

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend,

Ashley Sylvester

*Office Manager*

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 3:25 PM

**To:** Sylvester, Ashley

**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Ashley, wanted to circle back around on this with you. Don't think we are going to be able to schedule a meeting within the next month due to his travel schedule and budget committee testimony throughout June. I've actually had to cancel several of his meetings and been told June is basically a wash for any additional meetings. Would it be possible to look at some time in July?

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:51 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Aaron,

My boss, Rep David Schweikert, was hoping to schedule a time for him and Mr. Scott Pruitt to discuss EPA related legislative initiatives. David has been working with private industry to see how citizens can crowdsourcing environmental to help state and local governments without costing the federal government any money, and he is very interested in running this by Administrator Pruitt.

Context: I was speaking with Michelle Hale about the possibility before, but I do not have her new email yet, and I wanted to make sure I followed up.

If Mr. Pruitt has any availability in the coming weeks, it would be much appreciated! We are happy to go to you.

Best,

Ashley Sylvester

*Office Manager*

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/12/2017 7:43:14 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) [Gabrielle\_Batkin@epw.senate.gov]; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Thanks Troy

Michal

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
Director of Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) <Gabrielle\_Batkin@epw.senate.gov>; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Update

I am meeting am having a meeting tomorrow with the team I have assigned the follow up items from our meeting. I hope to be able to provide you all with a progress report on where we are on pulling the information requested. Will continue to keep you all updated and plug away on these items.

Let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

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**Troy M. Lyons**  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Personal Phone / Ex. 6 (cell)

Message

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**From:** Baird, Kevin [Kevin.Baird@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/11/2017 10:27:06 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Lungren, Kelly [Kelly.Lungren@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Aaron,

In reference to a letter from Congressman Griffith sent to Administrator Pruitt on 20 April of this year, Congressman Griffith would like to discuss the Administrator's views for restructuring at the EPA and ways that he and Congress in general could be supportive.

Regards,

***Kevin Baird***

Deputy Communications Director & Executive Assistant  
Office of Congressman H. Morgan Griffith  
2202 Rayburn House Office Building

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:41 PM  
**To:** Baird, Kevin; Rodrick, Christian  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Lungren, Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Kevin/Kelly, outside of the general getting to know you nature of the meeting I wanted to check and see if there were any additional potential topics or issues Congressman Griffith was interested in discussing with the Administrator so I can make sure he is briefed. Any info you could pass along would be appreciated.

Thanks,

-Aaron

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**From:** Baird, Kevin [mailto:Kevin.Baird@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Lungren, Kelly <Kelly.Lungren@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Christian,

For Congressman Griffith's meeting with Administrator Pruitt on Thursday, he will be accompanied by Kelly Lungren McCollum, his Chief of Staff. I have CCed her above and she will call you shortly before they arrive at the EPA so they can meet you.

Regards,

**Kevin Baird**

Deputy Communications Director & Executive Assistant  
Office of Congressman H. Morgan Griffith  
2202 Rayburn House Office Building

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [<mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Baird, Kevin  
**Cc:** Ringel, Aaron; Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Kevin,

We are confirmed for a meeting with Congressman Griffith at 11:00AM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, here at the EPA. We are located at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave in the William Jefferson Clinton North Building. (Right above the Federal Triangle Metro Stop.) If you or a staffer with the Congressman want to let me know shortly before you arrive, I will be waiting for you outside of the building to bring you up to the Administrator's office. My cell phone is ( Personal Phone / Ex. 6 ).

Thanks, and I look forward to meeting you.

Best,

*Christian Rodrick*  
*Special Assistant*  
*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Baird, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Baird@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Great – I have a hold for that time on Congressman Griffith's calendar.

Regards,

**Kevin Baird**

Deputy Communications Director & Executive Assistant  
Office of Congressman H. Morgan Griffith  
2202 Rayburn House Office Building

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [<mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Baird, Kevin  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Kevin,

Excellent. If you would not mind holding that for us, I want to get the confirmation from the Administrator's scheduler and I will get back to you ASAP.

Thanks,

*Christian Rodrick*  
*Special Assistant*  
*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Baird, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Baird@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

That would be great!

Regards,

***Kevin Baird***  
Deputy Communications Director & Executive Assistant  
Office of Congressman H. Morgan Griffith  
2202 Rayburn House Office Building

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [<mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Baird, Kevin  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Kevin,

I completely understand. Would 11 AM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, here at the EPA, potentially work for the Congressman?

Thanks,

*Christian Rodrick*  
*Special Assistant*  
*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
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**From:** Baird, Kevin [<mailto:Kevin.Baird@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 10:20 AM  
**To:** Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Christian,

Thank you for checking in on this. Congressman Griffith may have some time late in the afternoon of Tuesday, 11 July, but unfortunately I can't confirm him at this time due to some possible events in the district. I think the dates listed below are still the best bet for Congressman Griffith to meet with Administrator Pruitt.

Regards,

***Kevin Baird***

Deputy Communications Director & Executive Assistant  
Office of Congressman H. Morgan Griffith  
2202 Rayburn House Office Building

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [<mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 9:00 AM

**To:** Baird, Kevin

**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Kevin,

I apologize. I understand that you spoke with Aaron previously and had listed the below dates. I will get with our scheduler again and get back to you shortly. Again, sorry about the miscommunication.

Wednesday, 12 July

Thursday, 13 July

Tuesday, 18 July

Wednesday, 19 July

Tuesday, 25 July

Wednesday, 26 July

Thursday, 27 July

Thanks,

*Christian Rodrick*

*Special Assistant*

*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

*O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian

**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:46 PM

**To:** 'kevin.baird@mail.house.gov' <[kevin.baird@mail.house.gov](mailto:kevin.baird@mail.house.gov)>

**Subject:** Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Kevin,

By way of introduction, my name is Christian and I work with Aaron Ringel and the office of Congressional Affairs at the EPA. I understand that Congressman Griffith was looking to meet with Administrator Pruitt. The Administrator appears to not have any availability for the remainder of the month, however we are looking to be on the Hill on the afternoon of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Are there any times on the 11<sup>th</sup> that might work for the Congressman?

Thank you and I apologize if you are not the correct contact for scheduling, if you wouldn't mind forwarding me to that person, I would appreciate it.

Thanks,

**Christian Rodrick**

*Special Assistant*

*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

O: (202) 564-4828

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E: Rodrick.Christian@epa.gov

Message

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**From:** Dickerson, Tom [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=6F65D0E5F06246A59E1929845A63D367-TDICKERS]  
**Sent:** 6/12/2017 11:43:16 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) [Emily\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Aarons, Kyle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ef85c3c00a2244779c4b26ff6bc6ccc9-Aarons, Kyl]  
**Subject:** RE: Following up  
**Attachments:** Carper et al. 5-5-17 (personal emails).pdf; Carper et al. 5-26-17 (ICR withdrawal).pdf; Senator Carper et al. May 5, 2017~3 CPP EO attachment.pdf; Senator Carper et al. May 5, 2017~3 CPP EO.pdf; Senator Carper et al. May 5, 2017~3 CPP EO attachment.pdf; Whitehouse et al 5-31-17 (ICR).pdf; Carper et al 6-1-17 (OKGOP).pdf; OKGOP Enclosure.pdf

Hi Emily,

Please I am attaching our responses to numbers 2,5,6, 7, and 8.

Hope this helps, and we'll make sure to send future responses to you by email.

Thanks.

Tom Dickerson  
Office of Congressional Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-3638

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 5:13 PM  
**To:** Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) <Emily\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Tom <Dickerson.Tom@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Thanks, Emily. We chatted with Michal last week and it appears they have not received some of our sent responses either. Moving forward, we will send them directly to you.

I have copied Kyle and Tom on the team who can send you some of the responses we have sent. Also, for #6, we are working on an additional letter to provide more information.

Also always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Troy

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**From:** Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) [mailto:Emily\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 5:08 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Following up

Hi Troy,

I'm following up with you on the below list of outstanding letters Senator Whitehouse raised during his meeting with Susan Bodine last week. I've heard EPA has sent responses to some of the letters to other offices, but we haven't received anything from EPA. It'd be much appreciated if you could send me any responses to these letters and updates on when we might expect responses to the others.

Thanks,  
Emily

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**Emily Enderle**

Chief Environmental Policy Advisor  
Office of Senator Sheldon Whitehouse  
Direct: (202) 228-6294  
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### **Summary of Outstanding Whitehouse Letters to Administrator Pruitt**

- 1) **March 16, 2017** – Senators Whitehouse, Warren, Stabenow, Brown, Franken, and Baldwin requested information regarding Carl Icahn's role in RFS discussions at EPA.  
**Deadline:** March 23, 2017  
**Response:** None.
- 2) **March 17, 2017** – Senators Carper, Sanders, Whitehouse, Markey, Duckworth asked Pruitt to correct the record regarding his use of a personal email address to conduct official business; compliance with the EPA policy regarding the use of personal email accounts; release of his calendar; concerns about secrecy associated with transition and other political appointees; and transparent and timely review of FOIA requests.  
**Deadline:** April 7, 2017  
**Response:** Partial.
- 3) **April 3, 2017** – Senators Schatz, Cardin, Van Hollen, Whitehouse, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Reed, Hassan, Merkley, Markey, and Booker asked questions regarding the Clean Water Rule (in response to Executive Order 13778, which directs the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to consider weakening the rule significantly).  
**Response:** None.
- 4) **April 5, 2017** – Senators Schatz, Markey, and Whitehouse requested assurances regarding stakeholder engagement, transparency, and scientific integrity (in response to two memoranda issued by Pruitt on "Executive Order 13777: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda" and "Improved Management of Regulatory Actions").  
**Response:** None.
- 5) **April 6, 2017** – Senators Carper, Leahy, Feinstein, Warren, Gillibrand, Whitehouse, Markey, Merkley, Schatz, Bennet, Duckworth, Harris, Murray, Franken, Udall, Murphy, and Wyden requested information pertaining to EPA's notice withdrawing the Information Collection Request for methane emissions from existing oil and gas production.  
**Deadline:** April 17, 2017  
**Response:** None.
- 6) **April 7, 2017** – Senators Carper, Franken, Hassan, Blumenthal, Schatz, Whitehouse, Warren, Murray, Udall, Shaheen, Merkley, Harris, Bennet, Markey, Coons, Wyden, Gillibrand, Hirono, Klobuchar,

Menendez, Feinstein, Cantwell, and Van Hollen requesting information pertaining to EPA's decision to review the Clean Power Plan.

**Deadline:** May 4, 2017

**Response:** None.

- 7) **April 14, 2017** – Senators Whitehouse, Schatz, Carper, and Markey requested information about EPA's decision-making process regarding its withdrawal of the Information Collection Request for methane emissions from existing oil and gas production.

**Deadline:** May 7, 2017

**Response:** None.

- 8) May 1, 2017 – Senators Carper, Whitehouse, Merkley, and Markey requesting information and documents related to the OKGOP gala Administrator Pruitt had been scheduled to headline.

**Deadline:** May 19, 2017

**Response:** None.

- 9) **May 16, 2017** – Whitehouse and Merkley requested information pertaining to Elizabeth "Tate" Bennett's appointment as Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations at EPA.

**Deadline:** June 2, 2017

**Response:** None.

- 10) **June 6, 2017** – Senators Whitehouse, Stabenow, Merkley, Warren, and Duckworth requested documents related to Carl Icahn's role in the development of environmental policy and regulations at EPA.

**Deadline:** June 16, 2017

**Response:** None.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
Washington, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF  
GENERAL COUNSEL

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your May 1, 2017, letter to Administrator E. Scott Pruitt regarding the Oklahoma Republican Party (OKGOP) Gala. Administrator Pruitt has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Administrator's scheduling staff appropriately sought advice from my ethics staff prior to the event and understood that his official title could not be used in connection with this event. My staff provided to the Administrator's office the enclosed "Ground Rules for Participation in a Political Event," which make clear that official titles cannot be used in conjunction with political activity. No action taken by either Mr. Pruitt or any EPA employee caused the OKGOP to conclude that it could use the Administrator's title in connection with this political activity. As my staff communicated to the Office of Special Counsel, we believe the organization created this invitation with reference to his official EPA position entirely on its own. Consequently, Mr. Pruitt did not attend the event.

The Administrator and his staff, as well as my staff and I, work assiduously to ensure full compliance with federal ethics and Hatch Act obligations. We appreciate your continued interest in ensuring that the EPA provides effective ethics advice and counseling to all of our employees. If you have further questions, you may contact me at [minoli.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:minoli.kevin@epa.gov) or (202) 564-8040, or Justina Fugh, Senior Counsel for Ethics, at [fugh.justina@epa.gov](mailto:fugh.justina@epa.gov) or (202) 564-1786.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K S Minoli", is positioned above the typed name.

Kevin S. Minoli  
Designated Agency Ethics Official  
Acting General Counsel

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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
Washington, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF  
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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Sincerely yours,

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Kevin S. Minoli  
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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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OFFICE OF  
GENERAL COUNSEL

The Honorable Jeffrey A. Merkley  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

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Sincerely yours,

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Kevin S. Minoli  
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Acting General Counsel

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OFFICE OF  
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

Thank you for your May 1, 2017, letter to Administrator E. Scott Pruitt regarding the Oklahoma Republican Party (OKGOP) Gala. Administrator Pruitt has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Administrator's scheduling staff appropriately sought advice from my ethics staff prior to the event and understood that his official title could not be used in connection with this event. My staff provided to the Administrator's office the enclosed "Ground Rules for Participation in a Political Event," which make clear that official titles cannot be used in conjunction with political activity. No action taken by either Mr. Pruitt or any EPA employee caused the OKGOP to conclude that it could use the Administrator's title in connection with this political activity. As my staff communicated to the Office of Special Counsel, we believe the organization created this invitation with reference to his official EPA position entirely on its own. Consequently, Mr. Pruitt did not attend the event.

The Administrator and his staff, as well as my staff and I, work assiduously to ensure full compliance with federal ethics and Hatch Act obligations. We appreciate your continued interest in ensuring that the EPA provides effective ethics advice and counseling to all of our employees. If you have further questions, you may contact me at [minoli.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:minoli.kevin@epa.gov) or (202) 564-8040, or Justina Fugh, Senior Counsel for Ethics, at [fugh.justina@epa.gov](mailto:fugh.justina@epa.gov) or (202) 564-1786.

Sincerely yours,

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Kevin S. Minoli  
Designated Agency Ethics Official  
Acting General Counsel

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

May 5, 2017

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper,

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to a March 17, 2017 letter, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, relating to use of personal messaging systems consistent with the requirements of the Federal Records Act and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). EPA's Records Policy applies equally to all staff, including the Administrator. I, of course, support the Agency's policy as it provides the foundation for the Agency's adherence to the Federal Records Act. I intend to continue the Agency's commitment to responsible federal records management, and to ensure that EPA's Records policy is updated as necessary.

The EPA Records Policy strongly discourages the use of non-official messaging systems by all Agency employees. If such use occurs, all employees have a short period of time by which they must send the record to their official EPA email account, consistent with the requirements of the Federal Records Act. At the EPA, all incoming political appointees are also required to take specific records training soon after they arrive at the Agency. The training addresses employee responsibilities under the Federal Records Act, email records management and related tools, text messaging records and mobile device management, the Freedom of Information Act, and agency policy concerning the use of non-governmental email accounts to conduct agency business, among other topics. As you may be aware, EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) is investigating allegations referenced in a February 14, 2017, letter from the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology to the OIG. The matter relates to allegations of use of an encrypted messaging application by EPA career staff. It would not be appropriate to comment on an open OIG matter at this time, however EPA is also in communication with the National Archives and Records Administration, and takes this matter seriously.

The letter asks for information relating to my personal email account and requests that I correct the record regarding my response to a question asking whether I "conducted business" using that account. My response to that question stated that I used my official, state-provided email accounts and government-issued phones to conduct business. This response was based on the best

information available at the time and having only four days to complete approximately 1,100 written questions and subparts.

In response to the letter and to put to rest any other questions concerning this matter, a complete and exhaustive review of my personal email account was undertaken. Based on this exhaustive review, I have determined that a small portion of those emails may relate to state business as that term is understood either generically or under Oklahoma's Open Records Act. However, because I am no longer the Oklahoma Attorney General, I am in no position to make that determination. With this in mind, and although not required to do so, I have made *all* of my personal emails available to the Oklahoma Attorney General's office, including those that have no possible connection to state business, for review in responding to pending Open Records Act requests. To date, as has been reported, that office's review has not identified as responsive to Open Records Act requests any documents from my personal email account that were not already captured by the official Oklahoma Attorney General accounts.

I believe my original response to Senator Whitehouse's question for the record number 115 was and remains correct. But to prevent any possible confusion, I supplement my original response as follows:

115. Have you ever conducted business using your personal email accounts, nonofficial Oklahoma Attorney General email accounts, text messages, instant messenger, voicemails, or any other medium? If yes, please provide all business-related emails, texts, from those mediums and any others you've used to conduct official business.

My practice is to conduct official business through official channels, including my state-provided email accounts. Under Oklahoma law, political matters must be transacted using personal email accounts. That includes emails concerning political matters that may arguably also touch on state business. Importantly, the Oklahoma Open Records Act makes no distinction between a state devices and personal devices for purposes of ensuring transparency of "conducting business." Elected officials oftentimes utilize a personal device so as to ensure that no state property is used to conduct political business, which is legally prohibited.

I make my best efforts to ensure that communications related to state business are copied or otherwise provided to official state systems. It is my understanding that the Attorney General's office will continue to search through the entirety of my personal email account as they work through the pending Open Records Act requests—including the more than 90 requests regarding my confirmation alone—to ensure any responsive and non-privileged records are provided. However, because I am no longer Attorney General, the office of the Oklahoma Attorney General must make the determination as to what, if any, communications constitute official business.

The letter also asked for information regarding the use of official Agency email accounts. The Agency maintains a primary email account to contact me, [pruitt.scott@epa.gov](mailto:pruitt.scott@epa.gov). EPA staff

have also established secondary accounts in the Agency's Outlook email system that are used for calendaring, scheduling, and internal communications. My staff is currently considering the best means to provide the public with the important information regarding my day-to-day activities and meetings on behalf of the Agency.

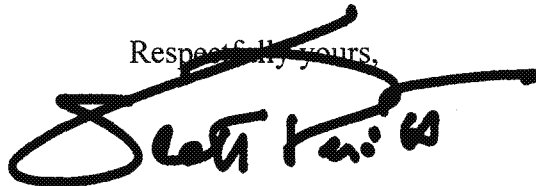
The letter also asked about the process the Agency follows to address public financial disclosure requirements. Pursuant to the Ethics In Government Act, 5 U.S.C. app, certain executive branch officials are required to file public financial disclosure reports (OGE-278). The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) established government-wide regulations that dictate who should file such reports and provide specific guidance about the release of such documents to the public. *See, e.g.,* 5 CFR § 2634.202 and § 2634.603. To request a public financial disclosure report, please fill out the OGE Form 201, provide the name(s) of the people whose reports you seek, and submit your request to EPA's ethics office at [ethics@epa.gov](mailto:ethics@epa.gov).

In addition, the letter asked about individuals serving at EPA in various capacities. A routinely updated directory of all current EPA staff is available on the Agency's website.

Finally, the letter also expressed an interest in a monthly report of open FOIA requests pending with EPA. Information concerning all FOIA requests filed with the Agency, including the date the request was filed and the request status, are available at any time through EPA's FOIA Online tracking system, at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/search>.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to respond. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (202) 564-4987 or [Lyons.Troy@epa.gov](mailto:Lyons.Troy@epa.gov).

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E. Scott Pruitt

cc:

Senator James M. Inhofe  
Senator Shelley Moore Capito  
Senator John Boozman  
Senator Roger Wicker  
Senator Deb Fischer  
Senator Jerry Moran  
Senator Mike Rounds  
Senator Joni Ernst  
Senator Dan Sullivan  
Senator Richard C. Shelby

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin  
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Senator Jeff Merkley  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Senator Cory Booker  
Senator Edward J. Markey  
Senator Tammy Duckworth  
Senator Kamala Harris



**E. SCOTT PRUITT**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Tom Carper  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your letters of April 6 and May 12, 2017, regarding the EPA's Information Collection Request (ICR) for existing oil and natural gas facilities.

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Jeffrey Merkley  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schatz:

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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Duckworth:

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The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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May 26, 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Tom Udall  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

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United States Senate  
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON D.C., 20460

## GROUND RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN A POLITICAL EVENT

Your campaign has invited a Presidentially-Appointed and Senate-confirmed appointee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to speak at your political event. The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 7321-7326, sets forth certain restrictions that this employee must follow. She cannot use her official authority to further political activity; cannot solicit, accept or receive political contributions; and cannot solicit or discourage the political participation of anyone who has business pending before the Agency.

We ask that you review our ground rules carefully and ensure that they are followed. Failure to follow these rules may result in withdrawal of any approval to allow our employee to speak at your event.

- You must provide EPA with a copy of the invitation and any other public communications regarding the event before you may distribute them so that our counsel can ensure compliance with federal rules.
- Once EPA agrees to the final version of the invitation or other public communications, you cannot make any subsequent changes to the text or format nor change the title of the electronic files.
- You must provide EPA with a complete description of the event, the proposed venue, any sponsors or affiliated entities, and a summary description of proposed invitees.
- You may not specifically target invitees with interests before the Agency. If EPA agrees to provide a speaker, you will provide a list of all invitees to EPA and their contact information at least 48 hours in advance of the event.
- When you issue your invitations, you will include this statement as part of the distribution:

PLEASE NOTE: The federal Hatch Act prohibits this speaker from soliciting or discouraging the political participation of any person who has an application for any compensation grant, contract, ruling, license, permit, or certificate pending before US EPA. If you or your company has any business pending before any part of EPA, we ask that you not attend this event.

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## News Releases from Headquarters

# High Accolades Across the Country on Trump's Energy Independence Executive Order

04/04/2017

### Contact Information:

U.S. EPA Media Relations ([press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov))

**In Kansas, Senator Pat Roberts said Trump's executive order was good news for energy consumers. As the Kansas City Star reports:** "Sen. Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican, also applauded Trump's decision 'to roll back burdensome Obama-era regulations,' calling the announcement 'good news for energy consumers and the economy.'"

**In Kentucky, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell penned an op-ed in Fox News praising President Trump's energy executive order that will restore sanity after Obama's failed climate policies.** "I commend President Trump for sending this flawed regulatory plan, along with a number of others, back to the drawing board with Tuesday's Energy Independence Executive Order."

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03/28/2017

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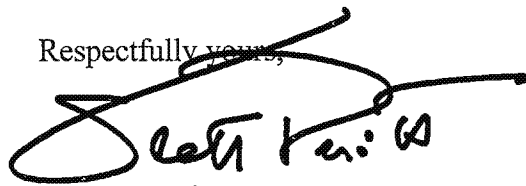
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ADMINISTRATOR

May 9, 2017

The Honorable Jeffrey Merkley  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

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The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate  
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May 9, 2017

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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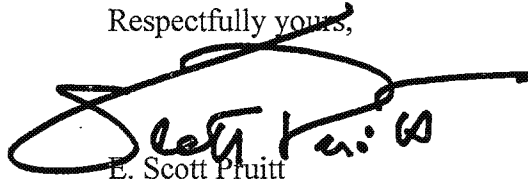
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May 9, 2017

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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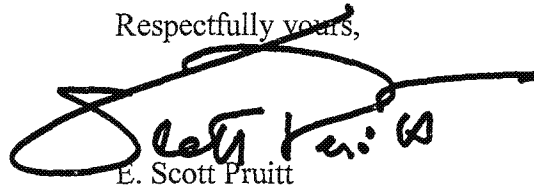
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May 9, 2017

The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hirono:

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May 9, 2017

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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May 9, 2017

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
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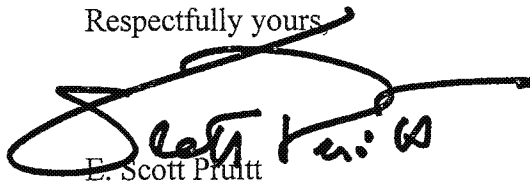
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May 31, 2017

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
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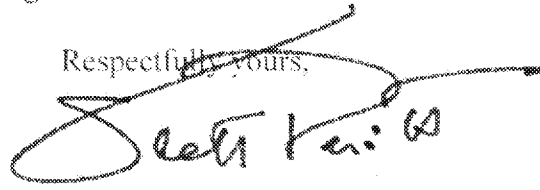
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**Subject:** RE: Senator Duckworth Reschedule

I'm working on a re schedule meeting with his team now since Carper needed that timeslot.

Christian R. Palich  
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What happened to Markey?

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Hi Susan,

Just switched Senator Duckworth to the 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Below are all the current meetings we have scheduled and will try to move Whitehouse as well.

Mon, June 5th, 2:30pm	EPW Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY)	307 Dirksen
Tue, June 6th, 3:00pm	Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)	524 Hart
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Wed, June 7th, 4:00pm	Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	530 Hart

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**Subject:** Re: Info on Just Moms STL and MCE mtg request w/EPA

We are on this. My guys working out all the details. Will report back.

Christian Morgan

**Exemption 6**

On Jun 5, 2017, at 10:34 AM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Christian, here's the meeting request details we discussed (below) for Monday June 19th.

Like I mentioned, we'll have Ed Chu (Acting Regional Administrator) and Albert "Kell" Kelly (Senior Advisor to the Administrator) available to meet with them that day. Appreciate Rep. Wagener's office taking lead on coordinating with the groups on a time, reserving a room on the hill for the meeting, and inviting the delegation. Feel free to have the lead staffer from your office reach out with the logistics once everything is set and if you have any questions.

Best,  
Aaron

**Meeting Request Details:**

Request: Just Moms STL and MCE (Missouri Coalition for the Environment), Meeting request for June 19, 2017 regarding the Superfund site West Lake.

Requesting POC: Dawn Chapman and Karen Nickel from Just Moms STL, and Ed Smith from MCE: Ed Smith <[Exemption 6]>; [Exemption 6] Karen Nickel <[Exemption 6]>

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**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

Perfect! Thanks Bryan.

Christian R. Palich  
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5:15pm will be in Dirksen.

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Good to know. Which office building is your meeting at 5:15pm? Trying to figure out how we can maximize the time our bosses sit down together.

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Sounds good, we are clear between 4pm-5:15pm, just so you know our full schedule. Thanks!

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Got it. Let me discuss with staff the best way to proceed and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

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**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

Hi Bryan,

We have re scheduled another Senator twice but I believe they can do 5:15 so we could do 5 with Senator Carper if it's alright for the meeting to be fairly quick. Thank you.

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Unfortunately not. The Senator is expected to get on the 6:00pm train back to Delaware to attend an evening event. The 5:00-5:30pm window is really the only option that works on our end tomorrow. Is there any chance you can move the 5:00pm meeting or is that not an option?

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**To:** Mack, Bryan (Carper) <[Bryan\\_Mack@carper.senate.gov](mailto:Bryan_Mack@carper.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
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We currently have a 5pm, would 5:30 or 5:45 work by any chance?

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Bryan

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Does Ranking Member Carper have time to meet with the nominee?

Many thanks,

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**From:** Chiotti, Miles [Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/5/2017 7:54:20 PM  
**To:** Levine, Carolyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=468b48e304cf4c54a52bb7c83a54fd21-CLevin02]  
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**Subject:** RE: Superfund Job Training Initiative and Eagle Zinc Superfund Site

Thank you for following up, Carolyn. Appreciate the information. Will follow up if we have any additional questions.

Best,  
Miles

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**Sent:** Monday, June 05, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Chiotti, Miles  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Ringel, Aaron  
**Subject:** Superfund Job Training Initiative and Eagle Zinc Superfund Site

Hello Miles,

I am following up on your inquiry to Troy Lyons following EPA Administrator Pruitt's May 24 meeting with Congressman Davis. You asked about EPA's Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI) at the Eagle Zinc Superfund site in Hillsboro, IL.

SuperJTI is a job readiness program that provides training and employment opportunities for people living in communities affected by Superfund sites. While the EPA works to recruit potential candidates, and sponsors the training program, EPA does not make hiring decisions. It is the responsibility of the graduates to apply for job openings with the contractor(s) working on the site.

The SuperJTI training program for Eagle Zinc began with nine candidates and seven of those completed the training. At this time, none of the graduates have been hired to work at the Eagle Zinc site and one graduate was hired to work at the Pillsbury Mill site. Environmental Restoration is the EPA on-site contractor at the Pillsbury site. They are a non-union contractor who is doing work under contract to provide equipment, personnel, and project management for the EPA.

Many of the communities that participate in the SuperJTI program are Environmental Justice (EJ) communities – historically under-represented minority and low-income neighborhoods and areas burdened with significant environmental challenges. EPA's goal is to help these communities develop job opportunities that may be applied to other employment once the site is cleaned up.

More information about the SuperJTI program can be found on EPA's website:  
<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-job-training-initiative>

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Needless to say, the Chairman knows Susan very well and will be supporting her in any way he can. I'll have to see if he feels they need to meet. I'll check and let you know.

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**To:** Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Does that Chairman have time next week to meet with Susan as the nominee for OCEA?

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**From:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [mailto:Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:04 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Go ahead and schedule as you see fit. Let us know how we can help.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>; Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Clifford, Brian (EPW) <Brian\_Clifford@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Thanks, guys!

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**From:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [mailto:Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Clifford, Brian (EPW) <Brian\_Clifford@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: EPW Meetings

Before you start scheduling. Let me think about the order of the first few meetings. Will circle back later today.

Richard Russell  
Staff Director  
Committee on Environment & Public Works

On May 17, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Troy,

Once the Committee receives Susan's nomination, it is okay for you to go ahead and begin scheduling meetings. I can let you know when it is officially referred to us. It will probably be today.

I am not sure there is a preferred time for setting up these meetings. I suppose that would be up to Susan's and each member's schedules. These meetings take precedence; but so you know, the Committee has hearings and markups on Wednesday mornings, which Susan is often involved in.

Ccing Richard Russell, our staff director, too, in case he has anything to add.

Best,

Matt

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <[Matt\\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Matt_Leggett@epw.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPW Meetings

Matt

Does Susan need to complete the committee questionnaire before we can start scheduling meetings? Also, is there a preferred time to set up these meetings?

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
202-309-2490

Message

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**From:** Deeley, Blake [Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/17/2017 5:45:26 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]  
**Subject:** RE: Coal Caucus Meeting

Add Tim Murphy

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** Deeley, Blake  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Palich, Christian  
**Subject:** Re: Coal Caucus Meeting

Thanks! Appreciate the update, good group so far.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hey man...

Just want to let you know that our current list of RSVPs for next Monday's meeting are below. We will have more sign on just want to make sure you had a updated list.

Rep. David McKinley (WV)

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Rep. John Shimkus (IL)

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Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ)

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Rep. Evan Jenkins (WV)

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Rep. Liz Cheney (WY)

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Rep. Bill Johnson (OH)

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Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA)

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Rep. Mike Bost (IL)

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Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA)

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**Blake Deeley** | *Policy Advisor*  
**Congressman David B. McKinley (WV-1)**  
2239 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-4172



Message

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**From:** Gustafson, Eric [Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/17/2017 4:46:56 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Oehmen, Jon [Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

Just couldn't contain my excitement to visit with you all.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** Oehmen, Jon; Gustafson, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

That one was my favorite. Tweet worthy?

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**From:** Oehmen, Jon [mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:42 PM  
**To:** Gustafson, Eric <Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

Thanks Troy, that first one of Eric is.... nice.

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**From:** Gustafson, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy; Oehmen, Jon  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

Thanks, Troy. Great to see you as well and appreciate all the help in getting our bosses together yesterday.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** Gustafson, Eric; Oehmen, Jon  
**Subject:** FW: EPA Photographer

Good seeing you guys yesterday—here are the pics from yesterday. I will get you all an autographed copy as well

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**From:** Vance, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

Here they are Troy.

Eric Vance  
Chief Photographer, USEPA  
Office of the Administrator  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20640

WJC-North, Room 6330K

202.564.2655 office

**Exemption 6** mobile

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Link to Office of Multimedia photo galleries, accessible from within EPA's network.

<http://intranet.epa.gov/media/>

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**From:** Lyons, Troy

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:06 AM

**To:** Vance, Eric <[Vance.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Vance.Eric@epa.gov)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

Hey Eric!

Do we have the pictures from the meeting with Congressman Flores that we can send to their office?

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**From:** Vance, Eric

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:05 AM

**To:** Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: EPA Photographer

Hi Troy,

What can I do for you?

Eric Vance

Chief photographer, USEPA

1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Washington, DC

**Exemption 6**

Mobile: **Exemption 6**

EPA employees may access and download images here:

<http://intranet.epa.gov/media/>

On May 17, 2017, at 10:04 AM, Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Eric Vance – Looping him in here.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:01 AM

**To:** Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** EPA Photographer

Do you have the contact for our photographer?

Troy M. Lyons

*Associate Administrator*

*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*

*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*

*202-309-2490*

Message

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/17/2017 2:16:24 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: two more

Tomorrow at 10:30 works great.

We can talk about this more tomorrow, but just wanted to flag that responses to the Ranking Member don't "count" if they don't include answers to the questions asked and documents requested. :-)

Thanks  
Michal

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
Director of Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 7:49 PM  
To: Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
Subject: Re: two more

How's about 10:30 or 11?

Also, I've had several follow up meetings with the team to get responses back to the Ranking Member. We had a good meeting today and there should be a few coming your way this week -sorry I don't have the list handy but can email you the list this evening.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 15, 2017, at 11:47 AM, Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

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> Thursday is absolutely fantastic right now. Name your time.

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> Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.

> Director of Oversight

> Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]

> Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:20 AM

> To: Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>

> Subject: RE: two more

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> No worries! How is Thurs?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [mailto:Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]

> Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:12 AM

> To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>

> Subject: Re: two more

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> Sorry. Looking hard to schedule. What's the rest of your week look like?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 12, 2017, at 4:18 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> No worries--I know how crazy things can be!

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Freedhoff, Michal (EPW)

>> [mailto:Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]

>> Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 3:25 PM

>> To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>

>> Subject: RE: two more

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>> Yep, early heads up I may have to reschedule this time, I have some floating things in that timeframe that I may not be able to control will keep you posted.

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>> Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
>> Director of Oversight  
>> Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff  
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>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
>> Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 3:22 PM  
>> To: Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
>> Subject: Re: two more  
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>> Thanks, Michal. Same to you-look forward to visiting next week  
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>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>> On May 12, 2017, at 3:15 PM, Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov> wrote:  
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>>> As promised. Hope you have a great weekend -  
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>>> Michal  
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>>> Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
>>> Director of Oversight  
>>> Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff  
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>>> Up Letter.pdf>  
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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/16/2017 7:55:17 PM  
**To:** Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]  
**CC:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Leander, Tommy [Tommy.Leander@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Christian,

Thank you for confirming! I have this on the calendar and my colleague, Tommy Leander, will be joining the meeting as well if that is ok.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you soon,

Ashley Sylvester  
Office Manager / Press Assistant  
Rep David Schweikert  
202-225-2190

On Jun 16, 2017, at 2:58 PM, Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ashley,

Excellent. We are confirmed for a meeting with Congressman Schweikert at 9:30AM on July 13<sup>th</sup>, here at the EPA. We are located at 1200 Pennsylvania Ave in the William Jefferson Clinton North Building. (Right above the Federal Triangle Metro Stop.) If you or a staffer with the Congressman want to let me know shortly before you arrive, I will be waiting for you outside of the building to bring you up to the Administrator's office. My cell phone is **Exemption 6**

Thanks, and I look forward to meeting you.

*Christian Rodrick  
Special Assistant  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** Rodrick, Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Christian,

Do you have 9 or 9:30 am available on July 13<sup>th</sup>? Typically we will not have any Congressional business interrupt meetings during that timeframe. If Admin Pruitt isn't available, however, we would be delighted to meet at 10:30 am.

Thank you for making the time available!

**Ashley Sylvester**

**Office Manager**

Office of U.S. Congressman David Schweikert (AZ06)

2059 Rayburn House Office | Washington, D.C. 20515

p: [\(202\) 225-2190](tel:(202)225-2190) | f: [\(202\) 225-0096](tel:(202)225-0096)

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**From:** Rodrick, Christian [<mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 1:36 PM

**To:** Sylvester, Ashley

**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Ashley,

By way of introduction, my name is Christian and I work with Aaron on Congressional Affairs at the EPA. Does the Congressman have any availability on the morning of Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>? If so, I see a potential opening between 10:30AM-11:00AM or 11:30AM-12:00PM here at the EPA.

Let me know if there is any way that this might work for the Congressman. If not I will reach back out to our scheduling team until we find a time that works.

Thanks,

*Christian Rodrick*

*Special Assistant*

*Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

*O: (202) 564-4828*

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 9:18 AM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Aaron,

Just wanted to follow up about this request for July.

Thanks!

**Ashley Sylvester**

**Office Manager**

Office of U.S. Congressman David Schweikert (AZ06)

2059 Rayburn House Office | Washington, D.C. 20515

p: [\(202\) 225-2190](tel:(202)225-2190) | f: [\(202\) 225-0096](tel:(202)225-0096)

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Will check with his scheduler and circle back around. Have a great weekend as well!

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 3:29 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Aaron,

No worries! Would July 11<sup>th</sup> or July 17<sup>th</sup> in between 3:30-6:30 pm possibly work? Thank you for your response!

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend,

**Ashley Sylvester**  
*Office Manager*  
Office of U.S. Congressman David Schweikert (AZ06)  
2059 Rayburn House Office | Washington, D.C. 20515  
p: [\(202\) 225-2190](tel:(202)225-2190) | f: [\(202\) 225-0096](tel:(202)225-0096)

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** Sylvester, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Ashley, wanted to circle back around on this with you. Don't think we are going to be able to schedule a meeting within the next month due to his travel schedule and budget committee testimony throughout June. I've actually had to cancel several of his meetings and been told June is basically a wash for any additional meetings. Would it be possible to look at some time in July?

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

W: 202.564.4373  
[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

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**From:** Sylvester, Ashley [<mailto:Ashley.Sylvester@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Rep Schweikert + Administrator Pruitt meeting

Hi Aaron,

My boss, Rep David Schweikert, was hoping to schedule a time for him and Mr. Scott Pruitt to discuss EPA related legislative initiatives. David has been working with private industry to see how citizens can crowdsourcing environmental to help state and local governments without costing the federal government any money, and he is very interested in running this by Administrator Pruitt.

Context: I was speaking with Michelle Hale about the possibility before, but I do not have her new email yet, and I wanted to make sure I followed up.

If Mr. Pruitt has any availability in the coming weeks, it would be much appreciated! We are happy to go to you.

Best,

Ashley Sylvester  
*Office Manager*  
Office of U.S. Congressman David Schweikert (AZ06)  
2059 Rayburn House Office | Washington, D.C. 20515  
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**From:** Palich, Christian [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=330AD62E158D43AF93FCBBECE930D21A-PALICH, CHR]  
**Sent:** 5/30/2017 7:39:34 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Bodine, Susan (EPW) [Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: meeting request

Thanks Susan!

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*  
C: **Exemption 6**  
E: [Palich.Christian@epa.gov](mailto:Palich.Christian@epa.gov)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) <[Susan\\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: meeting request

Great! Thank you

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**From:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) [[mailto:Susan\\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: meeting request

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**From:** Bodine, Susan (EPW)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:51 PM  
**To:** Wise, Kathi (Barrasso) <[Kathi\\_Wise@Barrasso.senate.gov](mailto:Kathi_Wise@Barrasso.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Richard Russell (EPW) ([Richard\\_Russell@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov)) <[Richard\\_Russell@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: meeting request

Yes, I am available then.

Susan

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**From:** Wise, Kathi (Barrasso)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:49 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) <[Susan\\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** meeting request

Hi Susan – Sen Barrasso would like to meet with you prior to the hearing next week. Would you have availability on Monday, June 5 at 2:30pm?

Office of Sen. John Barrasso

202.224.6441-o

202.224.1724-f

Message

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**From:** Gruman, Mark [Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/17/2017 1:22:37 PM  
**To:** Beck, Nancy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=168ecb5184ac44de95a913297f353745-Beck, Nancy]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Cong. Cramer Additional Chlorothalonil Letter

Thank you Nancy, Troy. Our stakeholders indicate you all have been very reactive to the situation – much appreciated. Since I am sure the last thing you need is another meeting, I'll check in if there is anything further I can do to help. Thank you again for your prompt attention to this matter.

Mark

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**From:** Beck, Nancy [mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:15 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy  
**Cc:** Gruman, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Cong. Cramer Additional Chlorothalonil Letter

Yes, happy to help.

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Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT  
Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP  
P: 202-564-1273  
M: Exemption 6  
[beck.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:beck.nancy@epa.gov)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:41 PM  
**To:** Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gruman, Mark <[Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Cong. Cramer Additional Chlorothalonil Letter

Nancy, is this something you could assist Congressman Cramer's office with? Mark can provide background on it.

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**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:16 PM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark <[Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Cong. Cramer Additional Chlorothalonil Letter

Mark – thanks for sending the additional letter. Although approving the section 18 request is problematic, we're aware of the emergency nature of the request and working with folks in ND on alternate pesticide approaches. Please let me know if you want a briefing with EPA pesticides folks. Best,  
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser  
U.S. EPA  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (1305A)

Washington, DC 20460  
202-566-2753

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**From:** Gruman, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik <[Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov](mailto:Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Cramer Letter to the Administrator - Sec 18 Request for Chlorothalonil

Hi Sven. Attached is another letter regarding the same issue, this signed along with Congressman Moolenaar, Ranking Member Peterson, my boss, Congressman Mitchell, and Congressman Kildee.

Thanks,

Mark

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**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik [<mailto:Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Cramer Letter to the Administrator - Sec 18 Request for Chlorothalonil

Mark - Got it – thanks. Can you tell me who you're working with in case our program folks need to get with them directly (I think this will be fast moving given the circumstances). Best,  
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser  
U.S. EPA  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (1305A)  
Washington, DC 20460  
202-566-2753

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**From:** Gruman, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik <[Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov](mailto:Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Cramer Letter to the Administrator - Sec 18 Request for Chlorothalonil

You betcha – attached.

Thanks,

Mark

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**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik [<mailto:Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 10:04 AM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Cramer Letter to the Administrator - Sec 18 Request for Chlorothalonil

Mark – can you shoot me the letter – it got dropped in the message thread. Thanks,  
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser  
U.S. EPA  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (1305A)

Washington, DC 20460  
202-566-2753

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark <[Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik <[Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov](mailto:Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov)>; Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Cramer Letter to the Administrator - Sec 18 Request for Chlorothalonil

Thanks, Mark!

I have copied Sven and Aaron who can assist you with this.

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**From:** Gruman, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:45 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Cramer Letter to the Administrator - Sec 18 Request for Chlorothalonil

Hi Troy. As explained in the attached letter, our sugarbeet growers are in desperate need of a Sec 18 exemption for the use of the Chlorthalonil fungicide, less face pretty consideration economic damage. Sounds as though the exemption is needed as soon as mid-May.

Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Troy.

**Mark Gruman**  
*Chief of Staff/Legislative Director*  
Rep. Kevin Cramer | North Dakota  
1717 Longworth HOB | 202-225-2611



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Message

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**From:** Gray, Jason [Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/16/2017 11:44:24 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Great, see you there

On May 16, 2017, at 7:37 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Perfect! Thanks so much!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 7:28 PM, Gray, Jason <[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

9am works. Meet at the Starbucks at the Trump hotel?

On May 16, 2017, at 7:21 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I appreciate it, Jason. How about 9 tomorrow?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 7:06 PM, Gray, Jason  
<[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Yep that works. There are some particulars with respect to the schedule on our end that I may be more at liberty to discuss if we can connect in-person. That may help shed some light. I have to be back on the Hill for a 11:30am meeting. Beyond that I'm flexible. Would you be able to meet for coffee?

On May 16, 2017, at 6:13 PM, Lyons, Troy  
<[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

How about tomorrow morning?

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**From:** Gray, Jason  
[<mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:41 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Sure thing – which one is easier for you?

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
[<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:39 PM

**To:** Gray, Jason  
<[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Jason, thanks for the offer. I'm tied up until 630. Can we chat tonight or in the am

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 3:07 PM, Gray, Jason <[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

I think we could find a window if we sit down and walk through the calendar together. It will be easier talk through various challenges as we see it from our respective perspectives. I will be in the EPA neighborhood around 4pm today. Might you have a few minutes to spare?

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**From:** LesStrang, Dave  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** 'Lyons, Troy' <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Ed <[Walsh.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Walsh.Ed@epa.gov)>; Greaves, Holly <[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>; Gray, Jason <[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)>; Jackson, Ryan <[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)>  
>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Troy-

Thanks for your call yesterday. Unfortunately, June 26<sup>th</sup> is not a viable option for our hearing as Chairman Calvert has an all-day

offsite meeting  
relating to his  
defense/intel work.

Dave

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
[mailto:[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 9:03 AM  
**To:** LesStrang, Dave  
<[Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Ed  
<[Walsh.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Walsh.Ed@epa.gov)>; Greaves, Holly  
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<[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)>; Jackson, Ryan  
<[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Update

Thanks, Dave. I will triple check, but I know it will be tough with his international/domestic travel schedule. I will get back to you ASAP.

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**From:** LesStrang, Dave  
[mailto:[Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 12:05 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy  
<[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Ed  
<[Walsh.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Walsh.Ed@epa.gov)>; Greaves, Holly  
<[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>; Gray, Jason  
<[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)>; Jackson, Ryan  
<[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)>  
>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Understood and no worries. Can you let

us know of some potential dates that may work when the Administrator returns? We should be able to figure something out. If you need to reach me, I'm always available on my cell (Exemption 6)

Exemption 6 Also, Jason will be back in the office on Monday. I'm confident we can figure this out. Thanks!

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
[mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** LesStrang, Dave  
<Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Ed  
<Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly  
<greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Gray, Jason  
<Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov>; Jackson, Ryan  
<jackson.ryan@epa.gov>  
>  
**Subject:** RE: Update

Thanks for looking at other options, Dave. He will be in Europe from June 5-15.

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**From:** LesStrang, Dave  
[mailto:Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy  
<lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Ed  
<Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>;

Greaves, Holly  
<[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>; Gray, Jason  
<[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)>; Jackson, Ryan  
<[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)>  
>

**Subject:** RE: Update

Is the morning of June  
13<sup>th</sup> an option?

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
[mailto:[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12,  
2017 8:19 AM  
**To:** LesStrang, Dave  
<[Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Walsh, Ed  
<[Walsh.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Walsh.Ed@epa.gov)>;  
Greaves, Holly  
<[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)>; Gray, Jason  
<[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)>; Jackson, Ryan  
<[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)>  
>

**Subject:** Re: Update

We want to be helpful  
to Chairman Calvert but  
the Administrator is  
physically not available  
on those days. Have  
you all finalized the  
schedule for the  
markup?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2017, at  
6:36 AM, LesStrang,  
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<[Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

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<[Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov)>  
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Message

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**From:** Isakovic, Jason [Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/16/2017 9:38:00 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Hey Aaron. We are indeed and I know they would be very grateful. Thanks for everything on this.

Jason

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 5:34 PM, Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Also, while we didn't discuss this on our call I believe, were you looking to help set up a meeting with the association and folks over here at EPA?

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**From:** Isakovic, Jason [<mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Aaron,

Great speaking with you a bit ago. As requested, attached is the letter we sent a few weeks back that outlines the first issue on labeling, which E&C staff and I have been working with industry and the EPA on for years, and the second issue of new protocols.

Happy to discuss further, and anything you can facilitate would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

-Jason

**Jason Isakovic**  
**Legislative Director**  
Congressman Robert E. Latta (OH-5)  
2448 Rayburn House Office Building  
<http://latta.house.gov>  
(202) 225 6405

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Isakovic, Jason  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Sure, I'm free until 2pm.

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**From:** Isakovic, Jason [<mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:33 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Hey Aaron. Had to step out for a lunch. Can i ring you back in a little bit?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Jason, just tried to call. Let me know when you are free to chat.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
  
W: 202.564.4373  
[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** Isakovic, Jason <[Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Thanks, Jason. I've copied Aaron who can give you a buzz.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2017, at 12:01 PM, Isakovic, Jason <[Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Troy. I hope all is well.

I was wondering if you had a moment to chat this week about a potential meeting with some of the head-ups of the industry and the EPA on some issues we they have been working with EPA on over the past several years.

My number is 202-225-6405 or my cell is Exemption 6

Thank you for your time.

-Jason

*Jason Isakovic*  
*Legislative Director*  
*Congressman Robert E. Latta (OH-5)*  
*2448 Rayburn House Office Building*  
*<http://latta.house.gov>*  
*(202) 225 6405*

Message

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/11/2017 2:26:20 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Yep!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hey Bits, working with the Administrator's scheduler to see if we can get another time set up. Looking at possibly the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11AM, might that work?

Thanks for your flexibility!

-Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 10:54 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

So lunch on May 18 will not work. But a meeting after lunch should be fine. Or if there is a different day in May that is better for the Administrator then let me know.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Thanks, appreciate the flexibility! Did lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> not work?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 3:07 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hey Aaron,

Totally fine if we do this another day. Let me know when the Administrator would like to come back to the Hill!

Thanks,

Bits

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Great! Myself and Troy Lyons (AA for Congressional and Intergovernmental) will be attending with the Administrator. I'll be the best day of contact, my cell is **Exemption 6** As for topics, this is an introductory meeting so nothing major. If there are specific issues your boss would like to discuss would appreciate if you could pass them along so I can make sure the administrator is briefed ahead of time.

Thanks again,

Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Let's confirm Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.!

Do you know who is attending with the Administrator and what the best day-of-contact number is? Also, is there specific legislation/topics that will be discussed?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

That works, thanks!

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Let's hold 5:15 p.m. and I will confirm on Monday – is that okay?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:34 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Could we make it 5:15pm just to be safe?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:31 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Does 5pm work?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hey Bits, his schedule has filled up since we last emailed. Only time we have right now is after 5pm, would that work?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Does 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday work for Administrator Pruitt?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:02 AM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Thanks Bits, much appreciated!

-Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Thank you for the email, Aaron.

I will get back to you asap with Rep. Upton's availability.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:14 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hi Bits, wanted to reach out about setting up a meeting between Administrator Pruitt and Chairman Upton on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is going to be up on the hill doing a series of meetings in the House and Senate that day and wanted to make sure we coordinated a time for them to meet. We are currently working on the schedule so a range of times he might have available would great. Appreciate your help, feel free to give me a ring if you want to discuss, my cell is 4

**Exemption 6**

Best,  
Aaron

**Aaron E. Ringel**

*Deputy Associate Administrator*

*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

*[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)*

Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
**Sent:** 5/16/2017 9:32:36 PM  
**To:** Isakovic, Jason [Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Hey Jason, just wanted to circle back around and let you know we are running the traps on this. Will get you some more info once I hear from the program folks.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**From:** Isakovic, Jason [mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

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Great speaking with you a bit ago. As requested, attached is the letter we sent a few weeks back that outlines the first issue on labeling, which E&C staff and I have been working with industry and the EPA on for years, and the second issue of new protocols.

Happy to discuss further, and anything you can facilitate would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

-Jason

*Jason Isakovic*  
*Legislative Director*  
*Congressman Robert E. Latta (OH-5)*  
*2448 Rayburn House Office Building*  
*<http://latta.house.gov>*  
*(202) 225 6405*

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Isakovic, Jason  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Sure, I'm free until 2pm.

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**From:** Isakovic, Jason [mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:33 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Hey Aaron. Had to step out for a lunch. Can i ring you back in a little bit?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Jason, just tried to call. Let me know when you are free to chat.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

W: 202.564.4373  
[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** Isakovic, Jason <[Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Copper Development Association Industry Meeting

Thanks, Jason. I've copied Aaron who can give you a buzz.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2017, at 12:01 PM, Isakovic, Jason <[Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Isakovic@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Troy. I hope all is well.

I was wondering if you had a moment to chat this week about a potential meeting with some of the head-ups of the industry and the EPA on some issues we they have been working with EPA on over the past several years.

My number is 202-225-6405 or my cell is Exemption 6

Thank you for your time.

-Jason

*Jason Isakovic*  
*Legislative Director*  
*Congressman Robert E. Latta (OH-5)*

2448 Rayburn House Office Building

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(202) 225 6405

Message

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**From:** Palich, Christian [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=330AD62E158D43AF93FCBBECE930D21A-PALICH, CHR]  
**Sent:** 6/16/2017 1:43:50 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) [Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: qfrs

Absolutely. We will do 1:30 and I will have a call in number for you ASAP.

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*  
**C:** **Exemption 6**  
*E: ~~Palich:Christian~~@epa.gov*

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**From:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) [mailto:Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2017 9:36 AM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: qfrs

I can be available at 1:30. Can you send a number for me to call?

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**From:** Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:40 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) <Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: qfrs

Looks like 1:15pm tomorrow Susan we will meet with OECA. You are welcome to come down and participate in person or we can set a call in number up. It's whatever works best for you.

Have a terrific evening!

Christian R. Palich  
Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
202.306.4656

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2017, at 10:35 PM, Bodine, Susan (EPW) <Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Ok

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 15, 2017, at 9:25 PM, Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)> wrote:

I believe it will be in the afternoon Susan. I'll let you know as soon as it's finalized.

Thanks!

Christian R. Palich  
Deputy Associate Administrator  
Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
202.306.4656

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2017, at 6:26 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Susan. We will convene OECA tomorrow. Christian will set up the meeting and send you a dial in number.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2017, at 6:10 PM, Bodine, Susan (EPW)  
<[Susan\\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov)> wrote:

49 questions from Carper, Cardin, Markey, Sanders – as of 5:48.

Lizzy went to the Congressional baseball game so there may be more. We will get the official letter tomorrow morning.

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**From:** Olsen, Elizabeth (EPW)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW)  
<[Susan\\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** qfrs

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Olsen, J.D.  
Majority Director of Operations  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public  
Works

C: **Exemption 6**  
O: (202)224-6176

<ALI Bodine QFRS 06.13.2017.docx>

Message

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**From:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) [Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/15/2017 10:09:24 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]  
**Subject:** FW: qfrs  
**Attachments:** All Bodine QFRS 06.13.2017.docx

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**From:** Olsen, Elizabeth (EPW)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) <Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** qfrs

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Olsen, J.D.  
Majority Director of Operations  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
C: **Exemption 6**  
O: (202)224-6176

Message

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**From:** Simmons, Anne [Anne.Simmons@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/4/2017 6:19:23 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Durand, Adam [Adam.Durand@mail.house.gov]; Martin, Zach [Zach.Martin@mail.house.gov]; Phillips, Troy [Troy.Phillips@mail.house.gov]; Jones, Keith [Keith.Jones@mail.house.gov]; Jurkovich, Evan [Evan.Jurkovich@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Follow Up

Troy,

Thanks to you and Aaron for setting up the meeting.

Adam and Zach in the personal office and Keith, Evan, Troy and I over here at the Committee look forward to working with you and your staff.

Anne

On May 4, 2017, at 8:41 AM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Anne—thank you and the Ranking Member for taking the time to visit yesterday. I know the Administrator enjoyed the visit. Please let me know if we can do anything for you. I am going to huddle with the team on follow up items and get back to you.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*

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Message

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**From:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/4/2017 2:26:19 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: Follow Up

Troy -- good meeting you. Look forward to working working with you.

Richard Russell  
Staff Director  
Committee on Environment & Public Works

On May 4, 2017, at 8:37 AM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Richard,

Thanks you and the Chairman for your time yesterday with the Administrator. He enjoyed the visit and appreciates the Chairman's support. I am going to huddle with my team on a few follow up items from the meeting and get back to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you all need anything in the interim.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*202-309-2490*

Message

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**From:** Demos, Lynn (Donnelly) [Lynn\_Demos@donnelly.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/18/2017 7:54:30 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Patel, Hodge (Donnelly) [Hodge\_Patel@donnelly.senate.gov]; Lattanner, Andrew (Donnelly) [Andrew\_Lattanner@donnelly.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: One more detail

Hi Tate,

Also wanted to confirm the location with you. The current functioning school is on Indianapolis Blvd, and the old, closed one north of the Calumet Housing Complex is on 148th St. I believe Governor Holcomb's folks are under the impression it is at the 148th Street location, but can you confirm that that is accurate?

Thanks!

Lynn Demos  
Scheduling Director  
Office of Senator Joe Donnelly  
720 Hart Senate Office Building  
Ph. 202-224-4814

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 3:36 PM  
To: Demos, Lynn (Donnelly)  
Cc: Lyons, Troy; Patel, Hodge (Donnelly); Lattanner, Andrew (Donnelly)  
Subject: RE: One more detail

Hey there. No new information on our end in addition to what I relayed earlier. Apologies for the inconvenience, but please know the Administrator is looking forward to the visit and is glad your boss is able to attend. -Tate

-----Original Message-----

From: Demos, Lynn (Donnelly) [mailto:Lynn\_Demos@donnelly.senate.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:54 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Patel, Hodge (Donnelly) <Hodge\_Patel@donnelly.senate.gov>; Lattanner, Andrew (Donnelly) <Andrew\_Lattanner@donnelly.senate.gov>  
Subject: RE: One more detail

Thank you, Tate. I have copied Hodge Patel, Senator Donnelly's State Director on this email, and Andrew Lattanner, Senator Donnelly's Legislative Director. Troy, could we also get the best phone number for you since you will be on the ground?

Senator Donnelly will be accompanied by the following staff:

Hodge Patel, State Director, **Exemption 6** Justin Mount, Regional Director, **Exemption 6** Kate Oehl, Deputy Press Secretary, **Exemption 6** Chase Kernen, Legislative Assistant

I did have two follow up questions for you:

1. Just to confirm, Administrator Pruitt is NOT intending to participate in a press availability?
2. When meeting participants for the two panels are confirmed, could you please send a list our way? I need to provide this information for Senator Donnelly in his prep materials.

Thank you!

Lynn Demos  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:41 PM  
To: Demos, Lynn (Donnelly)  
Cc: Lyons, Troy  
Subject: RE: One more detail

Lynn-

Nice speaking with you earlier and thanks again for your patience while we continue to lock everything in. Cc'd is Troy Lyons who will be on the ground the day of the event and would be happy to let you know when they are on their way in from the airport. If you pass along the names/ best phone number for staffers in attendance, it would be much appreciated.

My cell is **Exemption 6** and I'll be accessible the day of.

Let us know if you have any questions!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

-----Original Message-----

From: Demos, Lynn (Donnelly) [[mailto:Lynn\\_Demos@donnelly.senate.gov](mailto:Lynn_Demos@donnelly.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 12:57 PM  
To: Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: One more detail

Sorry, stepped away from my desk! I'm at **Exemption 6**.

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From: Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 12:38 PM  
To: Demos, Lynn (Donnelly)  
Subject: One more detail

Can you shoot me your direct?

Message

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**From:** Consolvo, Brandon [Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/9/2017 10:19:43 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

I think best thing to do is have the administrators people send an official request to our scheduling team and have them ping pong it back and forth until they find a date.

I have already talked to him about it and he is down.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Let me know some times when we can get our bosses together for lunch

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Exemption 6 (cell)

Message

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**From:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/30/2017 1:32:47 PM  
**To:** Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]  
**CC:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) [shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Amy,

Yesterday afternoon, I had a brief call with Southern Power to go through the details of that visit, and based on the layout of their facility and a few plant rules, they suggested the following:

10 – 10:15 AM: Hold brief press availability at Visitors Center. This building is outside the main security gate, making it easier than shepherding press through to the plant. They also need to keep press separate from the meeting with employees.

- Plant manager, Senator, and Administrator would be in presentation room with podium, mult box, and projection backdrop of the plant.
- Brief remarks, no gaggle questions, followed by pre-arranged one-on-ones with trusted print and TV sources Shana identifies.

10:15: Announce that we have to go meet with employees, providing a hard stop on press avail.

10:20: Proceed with rest of timeline as planned.

Let me know if this alternative is acceptable on your end, and we'll get the process in motion on the plant's end. Feel free to call with any other questions (202-224-5655) and Shana will be following up with more media details.

Thanks,

Dylan

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**From:** Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:53 PM  
**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi all – Since we are getting close to next week's events, I wanted to circle back on press. Can you provide a list of reporters you recommend inviting to the two events on Thursday? We'd like to start doing outreach tomorrow and Monday.

Can you also confirm whether there will be press risers, a mult box, podium, etc. at each of these events?

Below is the updated schedule with the press components plugged in. I also removed the proposed Q&A at the farm event. We would prefer to just stick with remarks.

Feel free to give me a call tomorrow to go over the details - 202-306-5038.

We're looking forward to a great day.

Thank you,  
Amy

6:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Departure:</b> <input type="text"/> Birmingham
10:00AM-11:30AM	<b>Clean Power Plan Event</b> Plant Gaston 31972 Highway 25 Wilsonville, AL  10:15am: Plant Manager gives the safety briefing, introduces SVP of Generation Jim Heilbron  10:20am: Remarks: <b>(Open press)</b> -Heilbron gives a brief welcome, introduces Sen. Luther Strange -Sen. Strange gives brief welcome, introduces Administrator Pruitt -Pruitt addresses plant employees -Heilbron thanks Pruitt and Strange, dismisses audience <b>*There will be no press Q&amp;A, press will be located in the back of the room during the remarks.</b>  10:45am: Begin tour of plant  11:30: Depart for Brentwood Farms
12:30PM-1:45PM	<b>Alabama Farm Federation Event</b> Brentwood Farm  12:30PM: Lunch with Chip and Mistie Burkes (owners) Attendees: Senator Strange, Administrator Pruitt Jimmy Parnell (President, Alabama Farm Federation)  12:55pm: Tour of Farm led by Chip and Mistie Burkes 1:00pm: Larger group arrives (additional guests of Burkes family, state board and local farmers invited by ALFA, guests identified by Pruitt and/or Strange)  1:20pm: Remarks <b>(Open Press)</b> -Chip Burkes introduces Jimmy Parnell for remarks -Jimmy Parnell introduces Sen. Strange to offer remarks -Sen. Strange introduces Administrator Pruitt for remarks <b>*There will be no press Q&amp;A, press will be located in the back of the room during the remarks.</b>  1:45pm: Depart for airport

3:52PM	<b>BHM to Arrive</b> <small>Privacy Info in Enforcement Records / Ex. 7(c)</small>
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**From:** Graham, Amy

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 2:04 PM

**To:** 'Teehan, Shana (Strange)' <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** 'Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)' <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Shana and Dylan – Are you free for a call this afternoon to touch base?

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**From:** Graham, Amy

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:30 PM

**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Shana and Dylan – Thanks again for taking the time to chat this afternoon. I look forward to hearing back from you about local press and the event schedule.

Here is also the checklist I mentioned – in case this is helpful for event set-up:

#### Event Checklist

- Line-by-line of movements
- Run of show and format of event – speech, roundtable, tour?
- Indoor or outdoor event
- Room size and exits
- Podium
- Podium sign or seal
- Stage
- Flags
- Mult box
- Signage
- Who will be on stage
- Identify speakers
- Who will be in audience
- How many people
- What is the backdrop – farm, power plant, factory floor, etc.
- Open or closed press
- Press riser
- Identify local press
- Guest and press RSVP
- Guest and press check in at event
- Social media
- EPA cameras
- Event theme and takeaway
- POC for event

- Local economic impact

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:22 AM  
**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Good morning - Here is the call in for this afternoon:

Conference Call Line: **Exemption 6**  
Code ID: **Exemption 6**  
Participant Code: **Exemption 6**

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2017, at 6:35 PM, Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)> wrote:

Would 2pm work? What number should we call? I think that Dylan and I will be in separate locations, so would you be able to conference us all together?  
Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 6:21 PM  
To: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sorry we could not make today work. What time works tomorrow afternoon?

-----Original Message-----

From: Teehan, Shana (Strange) [[mailto:shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 3:45 PM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

I'm available now, but can also get on a call tomorrow.

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From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:45 AM  
To: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sounds good. I am looping in Liz from our team as well. I can do a call this afternoon or

tomorrow, but will be out of the office Weds - Fri. Let us know what works best on your end.

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [[mailto:Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:18 AM

To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>

Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Amy,

Looking forward to working with you more on the trip. I'm going to fill Shana in on this AM's call and then it'd be great to set up a time for the three of us, and any other comms folks on your end, to go over specific media and attendees.

Thanks,

Dylan

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Dylan J. Vorbach  
Press Secretary/Speechwriter  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
202-224-4124

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange)

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:07 AM

To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>

Cc: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sure thing. They are copied.

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
[kevin\\_turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:kevin_turner@strange.senate.gov)

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Howard, Jordan (Strange) <[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Kevin - Thanks for arranging the call this morning. Would you mind connecting me with your press team?

Thank you,  
Amy

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:22 AM  
To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Please use this number for the 9:30 call. Thanks.

**Exemption 6**

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
[kevin\\_turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:kevin_turner@strange.senate.gov)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:43 PM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Thanks, Kevin. We will call you at 9:30 on Monday. What is the best number to call?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:52 PM  
To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Absolutely. I'm open 9-10:30 and 2:30-4:30.

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
Senator Luther Strange

On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kevin, this looks great. I am also looping in our press folks. Could we find some time on Monday to discuss?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]

Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:41 PM

To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

Subject: Pruitt Alabama visit

Troy,

Attached is a proposed itinerary for Administrator Pruitt's visit to Alabama. Happy to walk through it over the phone this afternoon.

KT

Message

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**From:** Chiotti, Miles [Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/25/2017 3:53:28 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Davis, Patrick [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7fca02d1ec544fbbbd6fb2e7674e06b2-Davis, Patr]; Kelly, Albert [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08576e43795149e5a3f9669726dd044c-Kelly, Albe]  
**Subject:** RE: Eagle Zinc Superfund Site in Hillsboro, IL

Thank you, Troy.

You summarized the issue well. The other point I failed to mention in my initial note is that while the EPA is conducting the training, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – St. Louis District is actually running the cleanup project.

Happy to discuss further at your convenience. Many thanks!

Best,  
Miles

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**Miles A. Chiotti**  
Legislative Director  
Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
1740 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2371

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:34 AM  
**To:** Chiotti, Miles  
**Cc:** Davis, Patrick; Kelly, Albert  
**Subject:** RE: Eagle Zinc Superfund Site in Hillsboro, IL

Many thanks, Miles.

I have copied Kell Kelly and Patrick Davis who can provide additional assistance on this issue.

Kell, Patrick—as background, the Eagle Zinc Super Fund site in Congressman Davis’ district is providing job training in the handling and removal of hazardous materials related to the cleanup of the site. The Congressman informed me that there is a local union which has members already trained to handle this type of clean up and would be able to start almost immediately. I am simplifying the issue so please let me know if I have missed something, Miles.

Many thanks,

Troy

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**From:** Chiotti, Miles [mailto:Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Eagle Zinc Superfund Site in Hillsboro, IL

Troy,

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with Mr. Davis this afternoon. We all greatly appreciated your time.

As promised, I'm following up with some details on the Eagle Zinc Superfund Site and the ongoing Job Training Initiative for the project. Linked here is the EPA site dedicated to the project.

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0500648>

Local labor has expressed concerns that the EPA is conducting training for individuals when there are union-trained folks on the ground ready to do the work. Note that, as part of their training, they were required to complete courses in hazardous material cleanup.

Below is the a note about the ongoing training that was forwarded to us by the laborers in mid-April. Again, our hope here is that we can find a way to partner with folks who are already trained and ready to work. Thanks for taking a look, and let me know if you need anything else from us.

The US EPA "Job Training Initiative" has completed its screening process in Hillsboro and currently has 7 participants. Here is how they got to that number:

- **34 people attended** 1 of the 8 "open house" informational sessions in Hillsboro;
- **20 were invited to attend a "tryout"**
- **16 attended the tryout** on April 12. The tryout, as I understand it, included:

- Calisthenics (jumping jacks, jogging, push-ups, etc.)
- "Role playing"
- "Problem Solving"
- Group Interviews

- **9 of the 16 were selected** to begin the 3-week (unpaid) training, which began on Friday, April 14
- **Only 7 of the 9 invitees showed up** for the first day of training. Assuming the 7 remaining "trainees" complete the training, they will have certification in:

- CPR/First Aid
- 40-hour OSHA Hazwoper
- 40-hour asbestos

It is my understanding that anyone who completes the training **will have the opportunity -- but not a guarantee -- to work at either the Hillsboro Eagle Zinc or Springfield Pillsbury Mill Superfund clean-up projects.**

Best,  
Miles

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**Miles A. Chiotti**

Legislative Director  
Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
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Washington, DC 20515  
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Message

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/10/2017 7:20:55 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group  
(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE:

Sure, no problem, just let me know what might work

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
Director of Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:20 PM  
To: Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
Subject:

Michal, any chance we could postpone coffee today? My apologies, I'm getting pulled into a meeting w the administrator.

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**From:** Helton, Clay (Young) [Clay\_Helton@young.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/18/2017 6:38:29 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**CC:** Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: still waiting to hear back

Deb Johannes, State Director, 812-350-9241 (she is the best POC for tomorrow)  
Jay Kenworthy, Communications Director.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:37 PM  
**To:** Helton, Clay (Young) <Clay\_Helton@young.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: still waiting to hear back

Actually roping in Troy now.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** 'Helton, Clay (Young)' <Clay\_Helton@young.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: still waiting to hear back

Your time so CST. I am looping in Troy Lyons too who will confirm when en route from O'hare. Do you mind sending a list of staffers who will be attending?

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**From:** Helton, Clay (Young) [mailto:Clay\_Helton@young.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: still waiting to hear back

Hey there – should have confirmed this on the call.

Are you planning to meet at 12pm EST or CST tomorrow?

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:07 PM  
**To:** Helton, Clay (Young) <Clay\_Helton@young.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: still waiting to hear back

Will do. Thanks, Clay!

On Apr 17, 2017, at 10:32 PM, Helton, Clay (Young) <Clay\_Helton@young.senate.gov> wrote:

I'll be in at 9 tomorrow - feel free to call my cell

**Exemption 6**

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 4/14/2017 11:06:46 PM  
**To:** Gray, Jason [Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Walsh, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=51f3bac3af644626b6a70f087751baca-EWalsh]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: House hearing and Calvert's Monday morning group meeting.

Pencil it in and feel free to connect us with Tricia. We are well overdue. Need to fix that ASAP.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 14, 2017, at 6:28 PM, Gray, Jason <Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Thanks Tate and Ed. 2pm on May 3rd should help us get the ball rolling to schedule. Tricia Evans, Calvert's Deputy COS, is taking the lead on the arrangements for the Monday Morning Group so I'll pass this along to her. Is it ok if I have her work directly with you all to finalize arrangements? I believe she already has Ed's contact info. Tate, is it ok if I pass along your email as well?  
>  
> It's unlikely that I will be able to attend given the uncertainty in the Committee's schedule. So let's pencil that in as TBD. But, we are overdue to get together and I hope we can remedy that soon. Thank you!  
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>  
>> On Apr 14, 2017, at 5:39 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>  
>> Hey Jason!  
>>  
>> Promise we haven't forgotten you. We are working on the hearing, but how about for the Monday Morning Group the 3rd at 2 PM at EPA North Building? Will you also be attending, Jason?  
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>> Tate  
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>> Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
>> Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
>> Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
>> Office of the Administrator  
>> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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>>  
>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: Walsh, Ed  
>> Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 5:28 PM  
>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Jason Gray <Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov>  
>> Subject: House hearing and Calvert's Monday morning group meeting.  
>>  
>> Wanted to get everyone together by email to see if we can possibly finalize the date for the house appropriations subcommittee hearing. Looks like the best date from the committee is still afternoon of May 23rd.  
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>> Still also need to confirm the meeting for the Monday Morning Group and the participants.  
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>> Thanks  
>>  
>> Ed

Message

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 4/25/2017 10:45:37 PM  
**To:** Small, Jeff [Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]; Henry, Darrell [dhenry@roqstrategies.com]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; megan\_thacker@daines.senate.gov; info@westerncaucusfoundation.org  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation.

Do you all mind sending an outlook invite as well? ☺

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**From:** Small, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Henry, Darrell <dhenry@roqstrategies.com>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; megan\_thacker@daines.senate.gov; info@westerncaucusfoundation.org  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation.

That would work for me an am happy to join.

**Jeff Small**

*Executive Director | Congressional Western Caucus*  
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(202) 225-2315 main  
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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Henry, Darrell  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Ringel, Aaron; [megan\\_thacker@daines.senate.gov](mailto:megan_thacker@daines.senate.gov); Small, Jeff; [info@westerncaucusfoundation.org](mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org)  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation.

Can we lock in 1 PM? Mind sending along an outlook invite?

On Apr 25, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Henry, Darrell <dhenry@roqstrategies.com> wrote:

Pretty open in the afternoon before 5pm. Let me know what works for you?

D.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** Henry, Darrell; Lyons, Troy; Ringel, Aaron  
**Cc:** [megan\\_thacker@daines.senate.gov](mailto:megan_thacker@daines.senate.gov); Small, Jeff; [info@westerncaucusfoundation.org](mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org)  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation.

Hey there. Roping in Troy and Aaron also on our team now. Any chance we can discuss tomorrow afternoon?

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**From:** Henry, Darrell [<mailto:dhenry@rogstrategies.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** [meghan\\_thacker@daines.senate.gov](mailto:meghan_thacker@daines.senate.gov); Small, Jeff <[Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov)>; [info@westerncaucusfoundation.org](mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org)  
**Subject:** Invitation.

Good afternoon,

The Western Caucus Foundation would like to invite you and your colleagues from the U.S. EPA to join us at our monthly bi-cameral Western Caucus staff policy briefing on Friday, May 5th. Information on the meeting is below. Please let me know if we can jump on a call to discuss the meeting?

**Friday, May 5th, 2017**

**from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Senate Visitors Center: Room 209-08**

Speakers and Agenda To Be Announced.

*Darrell Henry* | Executive Director  
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**From:** Henry, Darrell [dhenry@roqstrategies.com]  
**Sent:** 4/25/2017 9:03:19 PM  
**To:** Marino Thacker, Meghan (Daines) [Meghan\_Thacker@daines.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Small, Jeff [Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; info@westerncaucusfoundation.org  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation.  
**Attachments:** removed.txt

Great 1 PM it is. I'll send around a conference call number.

Darrell Henry

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2017, at 4:57 PM, Marino Thacker, Meghan (Daines) <Meghan\_Thacker@daines.senate.gov> wrote:

That time works for me.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Jeff Small**

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**To:** Henry, Darrell

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Ringel, Aaron; [meghan\\_thacker@daines.senate.gov](mailto:meghan_thacker@daines.senate.gov); Small, Jeff;

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[info@westerncaucusfoundation.org](mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org)  
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**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** [meghan\\_thacker@daines.senate.gov](mailto:meghan_thacker@daines.senate.gov); Small, Jeff  
<[Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov)>; [info@westerncaucusfoundation.org](mailto:info@westerncaucusfoundation.org)  
**Subject:** Invitation.

Good afternoon,

The Western Caucus Foundation would like to invite you and your colleagues from the U.S. EPA to join us at our monthly bi-cameral Western Caucus staff policy briefing on Friday, May 5th. Information on the meeting is below. Please let me know if we can jump on a call to discuss the meeting?

**Friday, May 5th, 2017**

**from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Senate Visitors Center: Room 209-08**

Speakers and Agenda To Be Announced.

*Darrell Henry* | Executive Director  
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**From:** Palich, Christian [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=330AD62E158D43AF93FCBBECE930D21A-PALICH, CHR]  
**Sent:** 6/2/2017 7:33:15 PM  
**To:** Wise, Kathi (Barrasso) [Kathi\_Wise@Barrasso.senate.gov]; Bodine, Susan (EPW) [Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) [Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: meeting w/JB

Sounds great. Me and Troy will be there.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*  
**C:** Exemption 6  
*E: Palich.Christian@epa.gov*

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**From:** Wise, Kathi (Barrasso) [mailto:Kathi\_Wise@Barrasso.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 3:29 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) <Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: meeting w/JB

Excellent- thanks!

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**From:** Bodine, Susan (EPW)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** Wise, Kathi (Barrasso) <Kathi\_Wise@Barrasso.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: meeting w/JB

Yes, I am available at 10 am Tuesday.

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**From:** Wise, Kathi (Barrasso)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 3:14 PM  
**To:** Bodine, Susan (EPW) <Susan\_Bodine@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** meeting w/JB

Hi Susan – would you be able to come on Tuesday at 10am instead of Monday?

Office of Sen. John Barrasso  
202.224.6441-o

202.224.1724-f

Message

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**From:** Yanez, Amber [Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/24/2017 9:54:40 PM  
**To:** Woodward, Cheryl [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7a0d6a3af92640248638ca24fe87a777-Woodward, Cheryl]; Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]; Oehmen, Jon [Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Thank you Cheryl! This is great and I will let you know if I have any questions.

The three attendees will be:  
Congressman Bill Flores  
Eric Gustafson  
Jon Oehmen

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Best

Amber

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**From:** Woodward, Cheryl [mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** Yanez, Amber <Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Oehmen, Jon <Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

My name is Cheryl Woodward and I will assist you in the logistics for your meeting at EPA on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:30 am. The instructions/directions to EPA is below and if you have any questions please contact me. Please send me their names so that I might have security preparation of passes for them. Please call or email if you have any logistic questions. Look forward to seeing you all.

**Directions:** If you come by Metro, the Federal Triangle metro stop is directly below the building entrances. You would leave the metro station and go up all three sets of escalators and then do a small U-Turn to the right heading toward 12<sup>th</sup> street, the North Lobby entrance is directly and immediately to your left (Glass Doors -EPA Signified on Glass).

EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th NW, which is between 12<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenues. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on 12<sup>th</sup> street and the Federal Triangle Metro sign can be used as a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left. This again will be the **South Lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton building.**

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cheryl Woodward at 564-1274 or Michelle Hale at 564-1430 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will make temporary cards for everyone. Allow for 15 minutes to get through the process.

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**From:** Yanez, Amber [<mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

They will most likely be dropped off. The Congressman will have his Chief and Legislative Director with him but no security.

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>; Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>; Woodward, Cheryl <[Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Looping in Cheryl who can help with logistics. How will the Congressman be arriving? Will security be with him?

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**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator  
**Exemption 6** (b)

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**From:** Yanez, Amber [<mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:35 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Yes that works for him. Where should Congressman Flores and his staff check in when they arrive?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:22 PM  
**To:** Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>; Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Thank you! How about 10:30AM on the 16<sup>th</sup>?

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**Sydney Hupp**  
Executive Scheduler  
Office of the Administrator  
**Exemption 6** (c)

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**From:** Yanez, Amber [<mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:07 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Sydney-

Thank you for your patience with this! Attached is the scheduling form. Please let me know if you need anything else on our end.

Best,

Amber

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:28 PM

**To:** Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

The week of the 15<sup>th</sup> looks better on our end. Looking forward to connecting on this again!

Sydney Hupp

Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Oehmen, Jon [<mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:32 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>; Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Hi Sydney, thanks so much. I'm in Texas for a couple of days. We'll get this back to you asap.

Maybe the week of the first or 15th for timing. We could do next week if that works for you. We are flexible and happy to come to you all.

Jon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:03 AM, Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Jon,

Great to meet you via email! I would be happy to help in facilitating this meeting! Would you mind filling out the attached form, please? When were you thinking for a time frame of getting this on the calendar?

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Jon—great hearing from you. Yes, I think it would be great for the two of them to meet.

I have copied the Administrator's scheduler who can help coordinate time/logistics, etc.

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**From:** Oehmen, Jon [<mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:57 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Hey Troy, hope all is well for you at EPA.

If Secretary Pruitt is willing, Rep. Flores is interested in meeting with the Secretary at some point in the near future. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss EPA and E&C issues and priorities. We are happy to come to you all at a date and time that works for you. Please let me know if there is anyone else we should reach out to or if you need any more information from us.

I am happy to answer any questions you all might have. Thanks you for your help, Jon

Jon Oehmen  
Rep. Bill Flores TX-17  
202-225-6105

<External Meeting Request Form.docx>

Message

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**From:** Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) [Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/4/2017 1:35:25 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow Up

Troy,

Great to meet you as well! My schedule is relatively open next Tuesday through Thursday. Let me know if you have any availability those days.

Elizabeth

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) <Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow Up

Elizabeth,

Congratulations on the new job! I am glad we got to meet yesterday—I had heard a lot about you. Let's find time to grab coffee. I look forward to working with you.

Below is my contact information

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*202-309-2490*

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**From:** Fox, Elizabeth [Elizabeth.Fox@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/2/2017 8:26:41 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: Chat this afternoon

We got in touch with Aaron. I think we are in a good place. Have fun in and out of meetings!

Elizabeth S. Fox  
House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

On May 2, 2017, at 4:23 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Give me a buzz. Will be in and out of meetings.

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**From:** Fox, Elizabeth [<mailto:Elizabeth.Fox@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Chat this afternoon

Hi Troy,

Thanks for the help with the Brownfields TA! Do you have time to chat with Jon Pawlow and I this afternoon? We are in need of some EPA help!

**Elizabeth S. Fox**  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee  
202-225-4360

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
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**To:** Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]; Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Gibson, Tatum [Tatum.Gibson@mail.house.gov]; Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]; Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]  
**Subject:** Rep. Upton Meeting Tomorrow - Canceled

We are going to reschedule the 5:15pm meeting with Rep. Upton to a date TBD, so that one can be removed from the schedule for tomorrow as well as his briefing docs. This can be our flex spot for Murkowski if we need to do a meeting with her tomorrow as well. Working with Upton's scheduler on whether lunch on May 18<sup>th</sup> works, will circle back around once I hear from her.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

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[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Kessler, Rick [Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/9/2017 4:08:17 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**CC:** Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Intro Meeting, Monday 6/12

564 Ford.

**Rick Kessler**

Senior Advisor &  
Staff Director for Energy and Environment  
Committee on Energy and Commerce Democratic Staff  
(202) 225-4407

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** Kessler, Rick <Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Intro Meeting, Monday 6/12

No problem, 11:45 works. What room should we meet you in?

Best,  
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 9, 2017, at 11:12 AM, Kessler, Rick <[Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Aaron,

Sorry: I must have missed your earlier message. I appreciate the outreach and persistence.  
Can you make 11:45 work? That would be a bit easier than 11:30.

Thanks,

Rick  
**Rick Kessler**  
Senior Advisor &  
Staff Director for Energy and Environment  
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(202) 225-4407

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 09, 2017 11:06 AM  
**To:** Kessler, Rick <[Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov)>

**Cc:** Shimmin, Kaitlyn <[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov](mailto:shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Intro Meeting, Monday 6/12

Hi Rick, just wanted to circle back around about potentially meeting with us on Monday at 11:30AM. Let me know if this is doable.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:41 AM

**To:** 'Rick Kessler ([rick.kessler@mail.house.gov](mailto:rick.kessler@mail.house.gov))' <[rick.kessler@mail.house.gov](mailto:rick.kessler@mail.house.gov)>

**Cc:** Shimmin, Kaitlyn <[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov](mailto:shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov)>; Troy Lyons ([lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)) <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Intro Meeting, Monday 6/12

Rick, I wanted to reach out and see if you were free next Monday at 11:30AM to meet with Troy Lyons, AA for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, and myself for a quick introductory meeting. Let me know if this works for you schedule or if there is a better time that morning that might work.

Best,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**

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Message

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**From:** Dorman, Caitlin (Daines) [Caitlin\_Dorman@daines.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/28/2017 7:57:21 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]; Miller, Sophie (Daines) [Sophie\_Miller@daines.senate.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing Follow Up

Sounds great! Thank you, Christian! You too!! ☺

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**From:** Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** Dorman, Caitlin (Daines) <Caitlin\_Dorman@daines.senate.gov>; Miller, Sophie (Daines) <Sophie\_Miller@daines.senate.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing Follow Up

Hi Caitlin,

July might be hard for a meeting with the Administrators travel schedule but we are planning another hill day sometime right after August recess. If anything in July opens up though we will be in touch.

Look forward to meeting with Sophie as always, let me sit down with Troy and see what the week after July 4<sup>th</sup> looks like for us to come your way.

Hope you both have a terrific 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend!

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*  
**C:** Exemption 6  
*E: [Palich.Christian@epa.gov](mailto:Palich.Christian@epa.gov)*

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**From:** Dorman, Caitlin (Daines) [mailto:Caitlin\_Dorman@daines.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:24 PM  
**To:** Miller, Sophie (Daines) <Sophie\_Miller@daines.senate.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing Follow Up

Thank you, Sophie! I'm happy to look at dates in July to meet with the Senator.

In the meantime, Troy and Christian, are you all available to meet with Sophie? I will defer to Sophie on her availability.

Warm Regards,

Caitlin

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**From:** Miller, Sophie (Daines)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Dorman, Caitlin (Daines) <[Caitlin\\_Dorman@daines.senate.gov](mailto:Caitlin_Dorman@daines.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing Follow Up

Troy,

Thank you for the note.

I am looping in the senator's scheduler who will be able to assist.

-Sophie

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** Miller, Sophie (Daines) <[Sophie\\_Miller@daines.senate.gov](mailto:Sophie_Miller@daines.senate.gov)>  
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Many thanks,

Troy

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**Troy M. Lyons**  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Message

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**From:** Miller, Sophie (Daines) [Sophie\_Miller@daines.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/28/2017 6:36:22 PM  
**To:** Dorman, Caitlin (Daines) [Caitlin\_Dorman@daines.senate.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]  
**Subject:** RE: Hearing Follow Up

Thanks, Caitlin.

Troy and Christian, is there any chance a time this Friday might work for you?

If not, how about Thursday 7/13 or Friday 7/14?

-Sophie

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Many thanks,

Troy

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/28/2017 6:31:22 PM  
**To:** Aarons, Kyle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ef85c3c00a2244779c4b26ff6bc6ccc9-Aarons, Kyl]  
**CC:** Dickerson, Tom [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6f65d0e5f06246a59e1929845a63d367-TDICKERS]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Open FOIA requests from current Administration

Thank you very much

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
Director of Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

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**From:** Aarons, Kyle [mailto:Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:27 PM  
**To:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Dickerson, Tom <Dickerson.Tom@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Open FOIA requests from current Administration

Hi Michal,

Per your recent meeting with Troy, attached is a list of open FOIA requests from this Administration.

Thanks,  
Kyle

Kyle Aarons  
Congressional Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-7351

Message

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**From:** Yanez, Amber [Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/24/2017 6:07:03 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]; Oehmen, Jon [Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Dickerson, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d0440d9f06994021827e0d0119126799-Dickerson,]  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting  
**Attachments:** Flores - External Meeting Request Form.docx

Sydney-

Thank you for your patience with this! Attached is the scheduling form. Please let me know if you need anything else on our end.

Best,

Amber

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** Oehmen, Jon <Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Yanez, Amber <Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

The week of the 15<sup>th</sup> looks better on our end. Looking forward to connecting on this again!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Oehmen, Jon [mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Yanez, Amber <Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Hi Sydney, thanks so much. I'm in Texas for a couple of days. We'll get this back to you asap.

Maybe the week of the first or 15th for timing. We could do next week if that works for you. We are flexible and happy to come to you all.

Jon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:03 AM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jon,

Great to meet you via email! I would be happy to help in facilitating this meeting! Would you mind filling out the attached form, please? When were you thinking for a time frame of getting this on the calendar?

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling  
**Exemption 6**

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** Oehmen, Jon <[Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Jon—great hearing from you. Yes, I think it would be great for the two of them to meet.

I have copied the Administrator's scheduler who can help coordinate time/logistics, etc.

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**From:** Oehmen, Jon [<mailto:Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 4:57 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Yanez, Amber <[Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.Yanez@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Secretary Pruitt Flores meeting

Hey Troy, hope all is well for you at EPA.

If Secretary Pruitt is willing, Rep. Flores is interested in meeting with the Secretary at some point in the near future. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss EPA and E&C issues and priorities. We are happy to come to you all at a date and time that works for you. Please let me know if there is anyone else we should reach out to or if you need any more information from us.

I am happy to answer any questions you all might have. Thanks you for your help, Jon

Jon Oehmen  
Rep. Bill Flores TX-17  
202-225-6105

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# **External Meeting Request Form for Administrator E. Scott Pruitt**

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

*To request the Administrator to attend and/or speak at your event, please complete and submit the following form.*

**Today's Date:** April 24, 2017

**Meeting Date:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, or 19<sup>th</sup>. The 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> are very free at the moment but we will happily move anything around to accommodate your calendar.

**Meeting Time:** Whatever is most convenient for your calendar.

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):** Secretary Pruitt's office or wherever is most convenient for him.

**Requestor:** Congressman Bill Flores (TX 17)

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

To discuss EPA and E&C issues and priorities

**Background on the Meeting:**

Rep. Flores is actively working on legislation to address issues with the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

**Role of the Administrator:**

Rep. Flores would like to visit with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the RFS and other EPA issues and help facilitate a collaborative relationship between Congress and the Administration as we work to protect both our environment and our economy.

**Attendees:**

**Chief of Staff – Jon Oehmen**

**Legislative Director – Eric Gustafson**

**Point of Contact:**

**Amber Yanez – Scheduler**

**202.222.8339**

[Amber.yanez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amber.yanez@mail.house.gov)

Message

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/12/2017 9:15:21 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Walsh, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=51f3bac3af644626b6a70f087751baca-EWalsh]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]  
**Subject:** RE: Senate hearing and murkowski meeting with administrator

Thanks, Troy.

----- Original message -----

From: "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Date: 4/12/17 5:08 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations)" <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>, "Walsh, Ed" <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>  
Cc: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Senate hearing and murkowski meeting with administrator

Thanks, Chris.

Let me run the traps on the hearing AND the one-on-one. Will be in touch shortly.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [mailto:Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 5:00 PM  
To: Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>  
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Senate hearing and murkowski meeting with administrator

Hi Ed (and Tate and Troy) - For the hearing, we're looking at a Wednesday in June, in the morning - like 10 AM. June 14th or 21st would be ideal, but we could also make June 28th work as well. We would like to get that nailed down as soon as possible - given that we've also got Interior and the other agencies to schedule.

For the one-on-one meeting, Senator Murkowski would like to do it fairly soon after we return from the recess - the week of April 24th if that's possible. On that one, I can connect you all with her scheduler if that's easiest.

Let me know what works and what I can do to move the process forward.

Thanks!  
Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Walsh, Ed [mailto:Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 4:55 PM  
To: Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>  
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
Subject: Senate hearing and murkowski meeting with administrator

Hi Chris. Wanted to ask if there is an optimal time on your calendar for these meetings?

Thanks

Ed

Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
**Sent:** 5/1/2017 1:03:51 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary [Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Byrne, Andrew [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7780ba77939e4cb3a5f8aed1eda8c70a-Byrne, Andrew]; Inglett, Angela [Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Mary, it doesn't look like Wednesday is going to work. The Administrator has a lot of internal meeting tomorrow so can't make it up to the hill but if Chairman Goodlatte has time to come up here on Tuesday I'm sure we can make something work. Is that possible, and if so, what times might he be able to do a meeting here?

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov>; Inglett, Angela <Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

You are terrific! I know what you mean – this week and next are just wild for us, too! WE appreciate the effort!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Thanks, will touch base with you later today. Trying to move things around to make this work but his schedule is really packed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> but still trying to make this work!

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov>; Inglett, Angela <Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Aaron,

I hope your week is off to a great start!

WE may have a major opening in the schedule for next Tuesday afternoon, if that makes your lives easier. I will know more by the end of the week.

Thank you!

Mary

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:26 PM  
**To:** 'Ringel, Aaron'  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Sounds perfect, thank you!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

No problem! We are going to sit down and go over the schedule for that day shortly and I'll get back to you in the near term.

Best,  
Aaron

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**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Aaron! Big smile on my face -- thank you!! We anticipate an all-day markup, but there should be a recess for lunch. Might you be able to make 12:30? First floor votes are usually about 1-1:15. Otherwise, perhaps later in the afternoon....4 or 4:15?

Thanks so very much!

Mary

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Mary, wanted to touch base on a meeting request you had sent us earlier today. We are working to set up hill meetings for the Administrator on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and wanted to see if there was a range of times you could provide that might work for Chairman Goodlatte on that day? Appreciate your help!

Best,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
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*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

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**From:** LesStrang, Dave [Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/9/2017 3:00:47 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Gray, Jason [Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov]; Foley, Ian [Ian.Foley@mail.house.gov]; Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Walsh, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=51f3bac3af644626b6a70f087751baca-EWalsh]; Blizzard, James [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b4c40b04e4714d36a2c11beefc3a9d13-JBLIZZ]; Greaves, Holly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=abcb6428b3df40a9a78b059a8ba59707-Greaves, Ho]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Int Approps Testimony

It's very likely that we'll be marking up our bill in late June so are hoping to determine a date/time in late May/early June that will work.

On May 9, 2017, at 10:36 AM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Understand you want to mark up mid-June, we want to be accommodating. Could June 26 work for the administrator to testify?

We will send our staff up early to brief you and your staff as you prepare for mark up.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Gray, Jason <[Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jason.Gray@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Troy -- it was nice to meet you last week in Chairman Calvert's office. Thanks for your email, and we too hope we can find a time that works for everyone. I certainly understand there are many competing interests and moving parts.

By way of our process, we must finish our budget hearings, and close the hearing record (including questions for the record) before we can move our bill to markup and to the Floor. Therefore delays in the first step of the process then delay all others. And as you know we will already be playing catchup for the FY18 process. As a result, it will be accelerated.

Last year we held the EPA budget hearing on March 22nd with Subcommittee markup on May 25th, Full Committee markup on June 15, and we passed the bill off the House Floor on July 15th. Therefore, in order to allow our process to move forward on a similar, but accelerated, timeframe we would need to have a budget hearing in late May to then move to markups in June and Floor action in July.

If May and June are unavailable for the Administrator, and if we are instructed to markup in June -- as we expect -- then I believe we would need to insert into the record that we did not have a budget hearing for EPA as of the time of markup. I don't believe that would serve either side well as we look forward to collaborating and closely coordinating with the new Administration.

Further, as we understand it, the FY18 budget proposal will propose to make significant changes at the Agency. Therefore, it's not clear that the minority would allow us to move forward on the appropriations process without an EPA budget hearing.

If June is problematic, then we can prioritize time on the calendar for any day during the week of the budget release in May(23-25th). This would allow us to quickly and collectively check the box as soon as the budget is released. We can then submit our Questions for the Record to the Agency and move forward.

Most budget hearings last approximately two hours so we only need a small window on either a morning or afternoon. Please let us know what options you see as available and we'll be forward-leaning with flexibility on our end for any day we're in session in May or if there is even one day in early June.

Thanks again and looking forward to working with you and rest of the new team --

Jason

On May 8, 2017, at 9:16 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Jason,

Thanks to you, your staff and Chairman Calvert for last week's visit.

I know there are a lot of emails going around about finding time for the Administrator to testify before Chairman Calvert's committee so I want to get everyone on the same page. As the Administrator mentioned to the Chairman, June is very difficult given his international travel. I know it is not ideal, but early July looks like it may be the only time the Administrator could testify—which I know is not ideal.

We appreciate your willingness to work with us on scheduling the hearing.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/9/2017 2:12:00 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: letter to the Administrator

Should be pretty clear – I have a couple of floating mtgs that have yet to land that day, but for now, the only thing that I know I cant schedule around is a 5 pm. What's best for you that day?

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
Director of Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: letter to the Administrator

I have internal meetings most of the day so it will not. Are you free Thurs?

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [mailto:Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:45 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: letter to the Administrator

A bit earlier would work better – I have a 4:30 w senator carper. That doable for you?

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Ph.D.  
Director of Oversight  
Committee on Environment and Public Works Democratic Staff

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:44 AM  
**To:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) <Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: letter to the Administrator

How about 4 tomorrow?

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**From:** Freedhoff, Michal (EPW) [mailto:Michal\_Freedhoff@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
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I'm pretty open tomorrow afternoon – any time then?

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Let me know if you have time for coffee this week or next. Would be good for us to visit.

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Yes – way too rainy ( I will complain a little)!

Thanks  
Michal

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**Subject:** RE: letter to the Administrator

Good morning, Michal. I hope you had a good weekend; a little rainy for me, but I won't complain.

Thank you for the letter—we will work on a response.

Many thanks,

Troy

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**Subject:** letter to the Administrator

Good morning Troy

Please see the attached

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Michal

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Message

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**Sent:** 6/28/2017 8:15:22 AM  
**To:** Howard, Jordan (Strange) [Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov]; McMurray, Forrest [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=344246fb2cb643bfab4f92fe016566e2-McMurray, F]  
**Subject:** Re: updated agenda

Jordan,

Wonderful to meet you via email and thank you for the hospitality. We will arrive the morning of the 5th into Birmingham. Unsure specifically what time just yet but would very much appreciate your accompanying us to each location. Will report back with what time we can begin at the first location asap.

Thank you very much,  
Millan

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 1:12 PM, Howard, Jordan (Strange) <[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)> wrote:

Great. Thanks, Troy.

Millan,

Let me know what you need for the advance trip. I'll be in Birmingham on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and I'm happy to take you to each of the sites.

Amy,

I'm looping in Dylan, so you two can begin to put the final touches on press.

Looking forward to it,  
Jordan

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** Howard, Jordan (Strange) <[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: updated agenda

Many thanks, Kevin. This looks great.

I have added Amy Graham, who will be there for press and Millan Hupp who will be leading the advance on this trip

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**From:** Howard, Jordan (Strange) [mailto:[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)]

**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 11:25 AM

**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** updated agenda

Troy,

Attached you'll find an updated agenda that reflects the flight changes. Please let me know your thoughts.

Please send me the names and titles of everyone from the Administrator's team that will be in attendance. Also, please let me know what the Administrator needs in regards to transportation and the details of the advance team's visit.

Thanks,  
Jordan

Message

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**From:** Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) [Laura\_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/28/2017 1:35:20 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."

Sure, what day?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2017, at 9:33 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes! How's the week after next (for us)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2017, at 8:47 PM, Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) <[Laura\\_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov](mailto:Laura_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov)> wrote:

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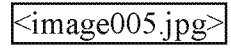
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**Sent:** 4/10/2017 10:15:49 PM  
**To:** Buening, Rachel [Rachel.Buening@mail.house.gov]; Gruman, Mark [Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Great! Yes. Looping in Cheryl who can help guide you on logistics.

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

**Exemption 6**

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**From:** Buening, Rachel [mailto:Rachel.Buening@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 2:52 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Gruman, Mark <Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Marohl, Chris <Chris.Marohl@mail.house.gov>; 'daryl@ndfb.org' <daryl@ndfb.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

3pm on April 25<sup>th</sup> will work. Is 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW the correct address?

Best,  
**Rachel Buening**  
*DC Scheduler*  
Rep. Kevin Cramer | North Dakota  
1717 Longworth HOB | 202-225-2611



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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Dickerson, Aaron; Marohl, Chris; Buening, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Thank you for sending over! Would 3PM on the 25<sup>th</sup> for 30 minutes work for you all?

Best,

Sydney

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling  
202.816.1659

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**From:** Gruman, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 5:08 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
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## External Meeting Request Form for Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

*To request the Administrator to attend and/or speak at your event, please complete and submit the following form.*

**Today's Date:** April 7, 2017

**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2017

**Meeting Time:** Mid to Late Afternoon

**Requested Location (if offsite, please list address, parking instructions, etc.):** EPA

**Requestor:** Daryl Lies – North Dakota Farm Bureau President obo the North Dakota Farm Bureau, as well as North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To thank Administrator Pruitt for his rollback of all of the harmful regulations these last eight years. To discuss EPA regulations affecting power producers and rural electric providers (e.g. Clean Power Plan, Social Cost of Carbon, coal ash, and concept of cooperative federalism) in the context of providing affordable, reliable electricity to rural North Dakota, including our farmers and ranchers.

**Background on the Meeting:** President Trump and Administrator Pruitt have so far taken significant favorable actions on the issues important to rural electric cooperatives. How those actions play out are of particular importance to rural electric providers and their customers.

**Role of the Administrator:** Receive input from the Congressman and the stakeholders, as well as provide any feedback he feels warranted.

**Attendees:** Congressman Kevin Cramer ND-AL; Daryl Lies President North Dakota Farm Bureau; Josh Kramer Exec VP & Gen Manager NDAREC; Tom Meland GM Central Power Electric Cooperative; Paul Sukut CEO Basin Electric Cooperative; Mac McLennan Pres CEO Minnkota Power Cooperative; Zachary Smith Comm & Gov't Affairs NDAREC; Bob Grant President NDAREC; Wayne Martian, Manager North Central Electric Cooperative; David O'Connell North Central Electric Cooperative; Jean Brandt North Central Electric Cooperative

**Point of Contact:** Daryl Lies 701-337-6698 [daryl@ndfb.org](mailto:daryl@ndfb.org); Rachel Buening

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**Subject:** Re: Question

Metro was faster than I was expecting so I'm basically here. Meet you @starbucks?

Elizabeth S. Fox  
House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

On Apr 27, 2017, at 1:50 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Let me know when you are close and we can get coffee at the trump Starbucks

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2017, at 1:11 PM, Fox, Elizabeth <[Elizabeth.Fox@mail.house.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Fox@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Great! I will come over to EPA HQ around 10 tomorrow. I assume all I need to do is be like "hey guys, I'm here to hang with Troy" and everything will be taken care of.

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**To:** Fox, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** RE: Question

10:00 works tomorrow!

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But he's super tied up. I'm actually pretty free this afternoon and tomorrow morning. Would 2:30 today or 10 tomorrow work? And where should I meet you?

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Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee  
202-225-4360

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Message

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 4/28/2017 1:41:14 PM  
**To:** Rosado, Mary [Mary.Rosado@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Spence, Gabriela [Gabriela.Spence@mail.house.gov]; Bunning, Eric [Eric.Bunning@mail.house.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up on Paul Salamanca

The 31<sup>st</sup> he will be doing several meetings in Lexington, but please keep a close hold on that. The schedule is fluid and we don't want to be bombarded with too many scheduling requests. ☺

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**From:** Rosado, Mary [mailto:Mary.Rosado@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 9:09 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Spence, Gabriela <Gabriela.Spence@mail.house.gov>; Bunning, Eric <Eric.Bunning@mail.house.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up on Paul Salamanca

Thanks Tate!

Also, do you know the date when Pruitt is in KY in May? AB is on vacation but wants to look at options to come to it and we would like to look at some transportation options.

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**Subject:** RE: Follow up on Paul Salamanca

Hey Mary, Gabriela and Bunning!

Rep. Barr shot me a text on this yesterday also. We are about staffed up already, but I do know our head of intergovernmental and/or our COS wants to give Rep. Barr a call soon r.e. Paul.

I'll keep you all posted and thanks again for flagging.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Office of the Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Hi Tate,

I hope you are enjoying being over at EPA—and that married life is treating you well!

The Congressman said he ran into you today and wanted me to forward Paul's resume to you (attached). He would very much like to speak to the Administrator for FIVE MINS about how wonderful Mr. Salamanca is. I have copied our scheduler, Gabriela Spence, to see if you can set that up.

Thanks so much Tate.

Best,

Mary

**Mary Rosado**  
**Chief of Staff**  
**Rep. Andy Barr (KY-06)**  
**202-225-4706**

Message

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**From:** Ballard, Jimmy [Jimmy.Ballard@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/24/2017 8:52:20 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Daulby, Jen [Jen.Daulby@mail.house.gov]; Chiotti, Miles [Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Congressman Davis Follow-Up  
**Attachments:** **Exemption 6** resume 2016.pdf; Agricultural Science Advisory Board in 2014 Farm Bill.pdf

Hi Troy,

Thanks again for meeting with us.

A couple points to follow-up on.

- 1) The date of the Illinois State Fair's Agriculture Day is Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We can follow-up with an official invite, just let us know who we should send to.
- 2) I've attached the resume for **Exemption 6** whom Congressman Davis mentioned as a good candidate for the Science Advisor position.
- 3) I've also attached the language from the 2014 Farm Bill establishing the Science Advisory Board's Agriculture Science Standing Committee. Note that it is Section 12307 of the 2014 Farm Bill. If possible, it would be great to get ag producers involved with the board.

Best,

Jimmy Ballard  
Legislative Assistant  
Office of Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
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SEC. 12307. SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD.

Section 8 of the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 4365) is amended--

(1) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

``(e) Committees.--

``(1) Member committees.--

``(A) In general.--The Board is authorized to establish such member committees and investigative panels as the Administrator and the Board determine to be necessary to carry out this section.

``(B) Chairmanship.--Each member committee or investigative panel established under this subsection shall be chaired by a member of the Board.

``(2) Agriculture-related committees.--

``(A) In general.--The Administrator and the Board--

``(i) shall establish a standing agriculture-related committee; and

``(ii) may establish such additional agriculture-related committees and investigative panels as the Administrator and the Board determines to be necessary to carry out the duties under subparagraph (C).

``(B) Membership.--The standing committee and each agriculture-related committee or investigative panel established under subparagraph (A) shall be--

``(i) composed of--

``(I) such quantity of members as the Administrator and the Board determines to be necessary; and

``(II) individuals who are not members of the Board on the date of appointment to the committee or investigative panel; and

``(ii) appointed by the Administrator and the Board, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.

``(C) Duties.--The agriculture-related standing committee and each additional committee and investigative panel established under subparagraph (A) shall provide scientific and technical advice to the Board relating to matters referred to the Board that the Administrator and the Board determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, to have a significant direct impact on enterprises that are engaged in the business of the production

of food and fiber, ranching and raising livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming- and agriculture-related industries.''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

``(h) Public Participation and Transparency.--The Board shall make every effort, consistent with applicable law, including section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the 'Freedom of Information Act') and section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the 'Privacy Act'), to maximize public participation and transparency, including making the scientific and technical advice of the Board and any committees or investigative panels of the Board publically available in electronic form on the website of the Environmental Protection Agency.

``(i) Report to Congress.--The Administrator shall annually report to the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Agriculture of the Senate and the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture of the House of Representatives regarding the membership and activities of the standing agriculture-related committee established pursuant to subsection (e) (2) (A) (i).''.

Message

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**From:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) [Katelyn\_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/8/2017 1:22:02 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow Up

Troy,  
It was great to meet you as well. Thanks for the follow up, and I look forward to working with you more going forward.

Hope you enjoyed your weekend!

-Katelyn

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:42 AM  
**To:** Conner, Katelyn (McConnell) <Katelyn\_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow Up

Katelyn—nice to meet you yesterday. Thanks to you, and to the Leader for taking the time to visit yesterday. I know the Administrator enjoyed it. I look forward to working with you. Please let me know if I can do anything for you in the interim.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
202-309-2490

Message

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**From:** Palich, Christian [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=330AD62E158D43AF93FCBBECE930D21A-PALICH, CHR]  
**Sent:** 5/5/2017 3:01:02 PM  
**To:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) [Eric\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory call

4pm works for me if it does for Troy. Thanks for being flexible Eric.

What is the best number to call you at?

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*  
*C: **Exemption 6***  
*E: Palich.Christian@epa.gov*

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**From:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) [mailto:Eric\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 10:54 AM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory call

We can do 3:45pm, or if you need more time we can make 4pm work as well. Whatever is best for you.

Eric

Eric Slee  
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U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)  
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Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3491  
[Eric\\_Slee@Roberts.Senate.Gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@Roberts.Senate.Gov)

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**From:** Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) <Eric\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory call

Hi Eric,

I have a meeting till 3:30 but could do 3:45?

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*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*

O: 202.564.4944

C: **Exemption 6**

E: [Palich.Christian@epa.gov](mailto:Palich.Christian@epa.gov)

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**From:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) [[mailto:Eric\\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@roberts.senate.gov)]

**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 9:46 AM

**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Introductory call

Great, thank you. Are you both available today at 3:30pm?

Eric Slee

Legislative Assistant

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[Eric\\_Slee@Roberts.Senate.Gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@Roberts.Senate.Gov)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 8:28 PM

**To:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) <[Eric\\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@roberts.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Introductory call

Absolutely, Eric. I've included Christian who will be working the senate. What time works for you

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Slee, Eric (Roberts) <[Eric\\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@roberts.senate.gov)> wrote:

Hello Troy,

I hope all is well. Wanted to just follow up on my email and call last week. If you might have time to chat this week, perhaps tomorrow or Friday please let me know. I'd also like to include my colleague Will Stafford who also works on issues handled by EPA. Should be a very short call just to introduce ourselves.

Thank you again!

Eric

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**From:** Slee, Eric (Roberts)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 11:06 AM  
**To:** 'Lyons, Troy' <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory call

Hello Troy, just tried calling, but you must be away from your desk or tied up. If you can chat a little later let me know. I could give you a ring around 11:30am or 2:30pm this afternoon if either work for you. Just let me know what works for you.

Eric

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 11:26 AM  
**To:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) <[Eric\\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@roberts.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory call

Thanks, Eric. Absolutely. Give me a call around **Exemption 6**

As for regional offices, I can tell you that there are a lot of rumors going around, but they are just that—rumors.

Look forward to visiting!

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**From:** Slee, Eric (Roberts) [[mailto:Eric\\_Slee@roberts.senate.gov](mailto:Eric_Slee@roberts.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Introductory call

Good morning Troy,

I really appreciate your willingness to take my call. Any chance that you might have time tomorrow around 11am? In addition to introducing myself, I am also trying to find more information about reports that the EPA's Region 5 office may be relocated to Lanexa, KS. Not sure if you can provide any additional details at this time, but any insight would be greatly appreciated.

[http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/04/ohio\\_senators\\_portman\\_brown\\_le.html](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/04/ohio_senators_portman_brown_le.html)

Best,

Eric

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Message

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**From:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/26/2017 10:16:59 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Re: EPW Minority Responses--Carper Conversation

Great

Richard Russell  
Staff Director  
Committee on Environment & Public Works

On Jun 26, 2017, at 6:01 AM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes sir. See you then

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 12:16 AM, Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Would 10am work?

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 2:40 PM  
**To:** Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: EPW Minority Responses--Carper Conversation

Just buzzed you. We can do 930 on Monday

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2017, at 2:30 PM, Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Can you give me a call:

Cell is **Exemption 6**

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) <Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov>; Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>; Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Minority Responses--Carper Conversation

You were correct—it is 10 of 19.

We will have one or two more going out this week and we will share them with you

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**From:** Horner, Elizabeth (EPW)  
[mailto:Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:10 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Russell, Richard (EPW)  
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Best,  
Elizabeth

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Many thanks,

Troy

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**Troy M. Lyons**  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

**Exemption 6**

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**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
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Troy

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Exemption 6 (cell)

Message

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**From:** Chiotti, Miles [Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/7/2017 12:22:06 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Antoskiewicz, Ashley [Ashley.Antoskiewicz@mail.house.gov]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ac78d3704ba94edbbd0da970921271ff-SKAISER]  
**Subject:** Re: ELG Rule Issue for Municipal Utilities

Much appreciated, Troy.

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Miles A. Chiotti  
Legislative Director  
Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13)

On Apr 7, 2017, at 8:18 AM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Many thanks, Miles!

I have copied Sven in our office who can be of assistance.

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**From:** Chiotti, Miles [<mailto:Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 1:29 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Antoskiewicz, Ashley <[Ashley.Antoskiewicz@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ashley.Antoskiewicz@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** ELG Rule Issue for Municipal Utilities

Troy,

Thanks for taking a few moments to chat over the phone earlier. I appreciate you taking a look into this. I've also copied Ashley with Mr. LaHood's office, who is also engaged in this issue. We share Springfield.

The background document I mentioned is attached, as well as a letter to our offices from the Mayor.  
Quick points:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->City Water, Light and Power (CWLP) in Springfield, IL spent ~\$15 million for new scrubbers for their coal-fired power plant in 2009
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->At that time, USEPA complimented CWLP on its approach of treating water used in the scrubbers through the local sanitary district
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->In November 2015, USEPA published a rule regulating the pretreatment standards for Flue Gas Desulfurization Wastewater (FGD) from existing sources
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Will ultimately require CWLP to meet tens-of-millions in new costs by November 2018, which they cannot do
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->This is all while CWLP is able to confirm that their discharge meets all applicable discharge limits and contains lower concentrations of selenium that the rule actually requires
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->They are looking for the EPA to consider eliminating the pretreatment standard of the ELG and/or at a minimum extending the compliance deadline

Also, on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, both the Utility Water Act Group (UWAG) and the Small Business Administration filed petitions for reconsideration of the ELG rule. Both included the need for an immediate delay in the rule deadlines to prevent expenditures of resources for a Rule that may ultimately be revisited.

Happy to touch base more on this when you have some time. Thanks again for taking a look, and we look forward to working with you moving forward.

Best,  
Miles

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**Miles A. Chiotti**  
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Message

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**From:** Steurer, Robert (McConnell) [Robert\_Steurer@mcconnell.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/4/2017 10:21:44 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow Up

Hi Troy, it was nice to meet you as well. Thanks for reaching out.

Have a great weekend,  
Robert

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:43 AM  
**To:** Steurer, Robert (McConnell) <Robert\_Steurer@mcconnell.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow Up

Robert-thanks for the hospitality yesterday. It was nice meeting you. Below is my contact information. Let me know if we can do anything for you all.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*

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**From:** Gruman, Mark [Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2017 2:33:56 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Dickerson, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d0440d9f06994021827e0d0119126799-Dickerson,]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

That's excellent to hear, Sydney. One addition ... Congressman Cramer would like to join as well. I will work on the attachment, and convey back to you asap.

Thanks everyone!

**Mark Gruman**

*Chief of Staff/Legislative Director*  
Rep. Kevin Cramer | North Dakota  
1717 Longworth HOB | 202-225-2611



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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Dickerson, Aaron  
**Subject:** Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Mark,

Hope your day is going well! Troy forwarded over your request to set up a meeting with Administrator Pruitt and some ND folks. Thank you for reaching out! This looks like something we should be able to arrange on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Would you forward along the attached meeting request form for them to fill out so that we may go forward with getting it on the calendar?

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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Message

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**From:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) [Jonathan\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/7/2017 6:53:04 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

To clarify, would this be the staff briefing for an update on EPA activities related to the Gold King Mine?

It would be better to include the NM delegation staff with folks who can give us the update.

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**From:** Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) <Jonathan\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Hi Jonathan,

Can we do a call Friday morning with you to discuss this further? This way we can lock some of the details in.

11am would be good for us if possible for you.

Thanks,

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*  
**C:** **Exemption 6**  
*E: [Palich.Christian@epa.gov](mailto:Palich.Christian@epa.gov)*

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**From:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) [mailto:Jonathan\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017 4:51 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Thanks. Any luck?

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**From:** Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 11:30 AM  
**To:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) <Jonathan\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Hi Jonathan,

No problem. Let me work on scheduling this and looping in the appropriate people, then will circle back with you.

Have a great holiday weekend!

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

O: 202.564.4944

C: **Exemption 6**

E: [Palich.Christian@epa.gov](mailto:Palich.Christian@epa.gov)

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**From:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) [[mailto:Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:37 AM

**To:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Levine, Carolyn <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Thanks. I think we'd like to take you up on both.

A Staff Meeting in June and Member level meeting in July.

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**From:** Palich, Christian [<mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:22 AM

**To:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) <[Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)>; Levine, Carolyn <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Hi Jonathan,

We are excited to meet with you all, but unfortunately June will be a tough scheduling month for the Administrator. We are happy to have staff brief you on Gold King in June or we can try for a date in July where the Administrator can attend. Let me know what your thoughts are and we will get this in the works.

Have a terrific day,

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

O: 202.564.4944

C: **Exemption 6**

E: [Palich.Christian@epa.gov](mailto:Palich.Christian@epa.gov)

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**From:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) [[mailto:Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** Levine, Carolyn <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Thanks. Checking back in.

I know the Appropriations committee is hold June 27<sup>th</sup> for the EPA budget hearing. Will we be able to schedule something before that?

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**From:** Levine, Carolyn [<mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 6:04 PM  
**To:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) <[Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Hi Jonathan,

Adding Christian, our new DAA for the Senate. I believe the scheduling office is still working on available dates. We will get back to you asap.

Thanks,  
Carolyn

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*Carolyn Levine*  
*Office of Congressional and*  
*Intergovernmental Relations*  
U.S. EPA  
(202) 564-1859  
[levine.carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:levine.carolyn@epa.gov)

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**From:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) [[mailto:Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:24 PM  
**To:** Levine, Carolyn <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Hi Carolyn, checking back in on this request...

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**From:** Levine, Carolyn [<mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:30 PM  
**To:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) <[Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hermann, Maya (Heinrich) <[Maya\\_Hermann@heinrich.senate.gov](mailto:Maya_Hermann@heinrich.senate.gov)>; Neff, Kirstin (Heinrich) <[Kirstin\\_Neff@heinrich.senate.gov](mailto:Kirstin_Neff@heinrich.senate.gov)>; Mason, Graham ([Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov](mailto:Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov)) <[Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov](mailto:Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov)>; Garcia, Sisy <[Sisy.Garcia@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sisy.Garcia@mail.house.gov)>; Acosta, Alma <[Alma.Acosta@mail.house.gov](mailto:Alma.Acosta@mail.house.gov)>; Schelble, Nathan <[Nathan.Schelble@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nathan.Schelble@mail.house.gov)>; MacGregor, Robert

<Robert.MacGregor@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** RE: New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Thank you Jonathan!

I will route this to appropriate folks at EPA and we'll follow up re: scheduling.

Thank you,  
Carolyn

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**From:** Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) [[mailto:Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:17 PM

**To:** Levine, Carolyn <[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Hermann, Maya (Heinrich) <[Maya\\_Hermann@heinrich.senate.gov](mailto:Maya_Hermann@heinrich.senate.gov)>; Neff, Kirstin (Heinrich) <[Kirstin\\_Neff@heinrich.senate.gov](mailto:Kirstin_Neff@heinrich.senate.gov)>; Mason, Graham ([Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov](mailto:Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov)) <[Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov](mailto:Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov)>; Garcia, Sisy <[Sisy.Garcia@mail.house.gov](mailto:Sisy.Garcia@mail.house.gov)>; Acosta, Alma <[Alma.Acosta@mail.house.gov](mailto:Alma.Acosta@mail.house.gov)>; Schelble, Nathan <[Nathan.Schelble@mail.house.gov](mailto:Nathan.Schelble@mail.house.gov)>; MacGregor, Robert <[Robert.MacGregor@mail.house.gov](mailto:Robert.MacGregor@mail.house.gov)>; Black, Jonathan (Tom Udall) <[Jonathan\\_Black@tomudall.senate.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Black@tomudall.senate.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexico Delegation - Request for meeting on Gold King Mine

Hi Carolyn,

Please find attached a copy of a letter that we will be putting into the mail today. The New Mexico Delegation is requesting a meeting with Administrator Pruitt on the Gold King Mine.

I will follow up with scheduler contacts if that will be helpful.

Thanks,  
---Jonathan

**TEXT:**

April 26, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
The Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

ED\_002060\_00028417-00004

Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Administrator:

The spill at the Gold King Mine is now approaching its second anniversary. As you know, the spill had a devastating effect on the state of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation. Earlier this year, we denounced a decision by the previous Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator and Department of Justice announcing that the EPA is not liable under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) for damages caused by the Gold King Mine spill. This decision has left many impacted citizens without compensation. Nothing has changed in the past several months to assist them.

We write to you today to request a meeting to review the status of EPA's current and ongoing efforts to clean up the mine and impacted areas, to review monitoring of the affected rivers, to discuss compensation efforts for impacted citizens and to discuss what if any options EPA is now considering to further address the Gold King Mine in light of the decision by the EPA and Department of Justice. In your confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, you committed to reviewing the FTCA decision by the EPA and the Department of Justice and using whatever authorities you have under the law to help the impacted victims. We would appreciate hearing from you on this as well.

In the past Congress we introduced legislation to compensate injured individuals and businesses, reimburse state, tribal and local governments, and support long term independent water quality monitoring. We worked in a bipartisan manner to include legislation addressing some of these issues in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. However, the crucial issue of individual and business injury compensation remains unaddressed, especially in light of the FTCA decision. We have consistently expressed a willingness to work on legislation in a bipartisan manner to ensure that EPA is able to effectively address the needs of our constituents. We would like to reaffirm our position and engage with you on any tools necessary to make sure that those who were harmed are taken care of to the fullest.

Sincerely,

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Tom Udall  
United States Senator

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Steve Pearce  
United States Representative

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Martin Heinrich  
United States Senator

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Ben Ray Luján  
United States Representative

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Michelle Lujan Grisham  
United States Representative



Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
**Sent:** 5/23/2017 1:55:59 PM  
**To:** Deeley, Blake [Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]; Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Jackson, Ryan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=38bc8e18791a47d88a279db2fec8bd60-Jackson, Ry]  
**Subject:** Re: Thank You

Our pleasure!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2017, at 9:52 AM, Deeley, Blake <[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov](mailto:Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

All,

Thanks again for your help with yesterday's Coal Caucus meeting. We really appreciate the Administrator's willingness to meet and work with the coal caucus. I hope he found the meeting as productive as the members did. I've received a lot of positive feedback.

-Blake

**Blake Deeley** | *Policy Advisor*  
**Congressman David B. McKinley (WV-1)**  
2239 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-4172

Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
**Sent:** 5/23/2017 1:45:17 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits [Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Confirmed. Thx!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2017, at 9:40 AM, Thomas, Bits <Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov> wrote:

I'm confirming today's meeting with Upton at 11:00 a.m. Thanks!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:35 AM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Hupp, Sydney  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Perfect, we are confirmed for 11AM on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at your office in 2183 Rayburn. Myself and Troy Lyons will be attending with the Administrator for his meeting w/Chairman Upton.

Best,  
Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Got it. Okay, let's confirm 11am on Tues, May 23 in 2183 Rayburn.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

He has a speaking engagement at noon on the hill, anyway we could do it closer to 11AM just to make sure he has enough time?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:27 AM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Sorry, I spoke to soon. Is 11:30 okay?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hey Bits, working with the Administrator's scheduler to see if we can get another time set up. Looking at possibly the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11AM, might that work?

Thanks for your flexibility!

-Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 10:54 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

So lunch on May 18 will not work. But a meeting after lunch should be fine. Or if there is a different day in May that is better for the Administrator then let me know.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Thanks, appreciate the flexibility! Did lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> not work?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 3:07 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hey Aaron,

Totally fine if we do this another day. Let me know when the Administrator would like to come back to the Hill!

Thanks,

Bits

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 4:53 PM

**To:** Thomas, Bits

**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Great! Myself and Troy Lyons (AA for Congressional and Intergovernmental) will be attending with the Administrator. I'll be the best day of contact, my cell is Exemption 6  
Exemption 6 As for topics, this is an introductory meeting so nothing major. If there are specific issues your boss would like to discuss would appreciate if you could pass them along so I can make sure the administrator is briefed ahead of time.

Thanks again,

Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 4:49 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Let's confirm Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.!

Do you know who is attending with the Administrator and what the best day-of-contact number is? Also, is there specific legislation/topics that will be discussed?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:37 PM

**To:** Thomas, Bits

**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

That works, thanks!

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:35 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Let's hold 5:15 p.m. and I will confirm on Monday – is that okay?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:34 PM

**To:** Thomas, Bits

**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Could we make it 5:15pm just to be safe?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:31 PM

**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Does 5pm work?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:30 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hey Bits, his schedule has filled up since we last emailed. Only time we have right now is after 5pm, would that work?

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2017 1:27 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Does 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday work for Administrator Pruitt?

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:02 AM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Thanks Bits, much appreciated!

-Aaron

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**From:** Thomas, Bits [<mailto:Bits.Thomas@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Thank you for the email, Aaron.

I will get back to you asap with Rep. Upton's availability.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 2:14 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Bits  
**Subject:** EPA Administrator Pruitt Meeting w/Chairman Upton

Hi Bits, wanted to reach out about setting up a meeting between Administrator Pruitt and Chairman Upton on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is going to be up on the hill doing a series of meetings in the House and Senate that day and wanted to make sure we coordinated a time for them to meet. We are currently working on the schedule so a range of times he might have available would great. Appreciate your help, feel free to give me a ring if you want to discuss, my cell is Exemption 6

Best,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*

*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov*

Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
**Sent:** 7/7/2017 6:47:11 PM  
**To:** William.Tranghese@mail.house.gov  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]  
**Subject:** Meeting/Call with Administrator Pruitt

Hi Billy,

We got an email from Alex with White House leg affairs that Congressman Neal is interested in speaking with the Administrator next week about the Housatonic River cleanup. Happy to work with you to get this scheduled for either a meeting here at the EPA or a call. Let me know your preference and we'll circle back with you with potential dates/times he has available.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

W: 202.564.4373  
[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Boyle, Garrett (Murkowski) [Garrett\_Boyle@murkowski.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/11/2017 7:01:19 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: RE:

Not at all. I'm around. We're in SH-522.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:00 PM  
**To:** Boyle, Garrett (Murkowski) <Garrett\_Boyle@murkowski.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: RE:

Will be on the hill shortly for a meeting. Mind if I pop to give you a heads up on something

Sent from my iPhone

On May 11, 2017, at 2:01 PM, Boyle, Garrett (Murkowski) <Garrett\_Boyle@murkowski.senate.gov> wrote:

Troy,

My direct is **Ex. 6**

Cheers,  
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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Boyle, Garrett (Murkowski) <Garrett\_Boyle@murkowski.senate.gov>  
**Subject:**

Garrett—I hope you are doing well. What is the best number to reach you? I will give you a buzz around 5:30ish.

Also, I STILL owe you coffee so let me know what works for you!

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*

**Exemption 6**

Message

**From:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) [shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/5/2017 10:27:51 PM  
**To:** Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, John]  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Forgot about Larry Huff with Yellowhammer News. Adding him below.

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**From:** Teehan, Shana (Strange)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 5, 2017 6:06 PM  
**To:** 'Graham, Amy' <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Amy, here's the full list.

9:15 AM – 10-12 minutes

Alabama Morning News with JT on WERC - Birmingham

Producer Wade Smith – [Exemption 6] [Exemption 6]

Hotline: 205-439-8310

9:30 AMish (when first call ends) – 5 minutes

The Matt & Aunie Show (Matt Murphy is principle) on WAPI – Birmingham

Producer Austin Faulkner – [Exemption 6] Matt's cell – [Exemption 6]

Hotline: 205-917-1977

Plant Gaston press

Alan Collins with WBRC Fox 6 in Birmingham

[Exemption 6], [Exemption 6]

Larry Huff, editor of Yellowhammer News

[Exemption 6] [Exemption 6]

11:15 AMish (or after leaving plant) – 10-12 minutes

Yellowhammer News Radio with Scott Chambers and Andrea Tice

[Exemption 6] 2 [Exemption 6] [Exemption 6] [Exemption 6]

Hotline: 1-866-551-9933

Brentwood Farm

Michael Doudna with WSFA NBC 12 in Montgomery

[Exemption 6] [Exemption 6]

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**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)

<Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>

Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Shana – Per our conversation this morning, I'm attaching the latest version of our event briefing. We have added the two radio interviews to the schedule and will plug in names of reporters coming to the events once they are confirmed.

Thanks again to you and Dylan for all your help.

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From: Graham, Amy

Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 11:20 AM

To: 'Teehan, Shana (Strange)' <shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)

<Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>

Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Thanks, Dylan and Shana. Do you have a list of reporters we should reach out to today? Also, details on the couple of potential radio interviews we discussed?

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From: Teehan, Shana (Strange) [mailto:shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov]

Sent: Saturday, July 1, 2017 2:10 PM

To: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>

Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sorry for the delayed response on this. Putting out more fires. My thoughts below within the schedule. Because of the EPA Superfund issue we're dealing with in Birmingham, we definitely have to keep this tight. [http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2017/06/former\\_alabama\\_legislator\\_oliv.html](http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2017/06/former_alabama_legislator_oliv.html)  
I've attached the document that Luther sent to the EPA when AG, regarding his objections to the site being named a superfund site.

If Mr. Pruitt is asked about the superfund cleanup site, he can keep the answer simple. My suggested points are below, but y'all know him best of course -

Proudly worked alongside Senator Strange and other Republican AGs to stop Obama EPA job-killing overreach

Excited to work with President Trump to make sure EPA is doing the job it was created to do, ensure clean air and water

I don't think we'll have a problem getting media to the power plant, but I'm not sure they'll stick around for several hours for the open remarks at the farm.

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From: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:33 AM

To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>

Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>;  
konkus.john@epa.gov

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Amy,

Yesterday afternoon, I had a brief call with Southern Power to go through the details of that visit, and based on the layout of their facility and a few plant rules, they suggested the following:

10 – 10:15 AM: Hold brief press availability at Visitors Center. This building is outside the main security gate, making it easier than shepherding press through to the plant. They also need to keep press separate from the meeting with employees.

- Plant manager, Senator, and Administrator would be in presentation room with podium, mult box, and projection backdrop of the plant.
- Brief remarks, no gaggle questions, followed by pre-arranged one-on-ones with trusted print and TV sources Shana identifies.

10:15: Announce that we have to go meet with employees, providing a hard stop on press avail.

10:20: Proceed with rest of timeline as planned.

Let me know if this alternative is acceptable on your end, and we'll get the process in motion on the plant's end. Feel free to call with any other questions **Ex. 6** and Shana will be following up with more media details.

Thanks,

Dylan

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**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:53 PM

**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi all – Since we are getting close to next week's events, I wanted to circle back on press. Can you provide a list of reporters you recommend inviting to the two events on Thursday? We'd like to start doing outreach tomorrow and Monday.

Can you also confirm whether there will be press risers, a mult box, podium, etc. at each of these events?

Below is the updated schedule with the press components plugged in. I also removed the proposed Q&A at the farm event. We would prefer to just stick with remarks.

Feel free to give me a call tomorrow to go over the details - **Ex. 6**

We're looking forward to a great day.

Thank you,  
Amy

6:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Departure:</b> <b>Exemption 6</b> to Birmingham  9:15ish Call into Alabama Morning News with JT Radio Show
10:00AM-11:30AM	<b>Clean Power Plan Event</b> Plant Gaston 31972 Highway 25 Wilsonville, AL

	<p>10 – 10:15 AM: Hold brief press availability at Visitors Center. WBRC Fox 6 – Reporter Rick Journey and his cameraman Yellowhammer Reporter – probably Jordan LaPorte</p> <p>10:15am: Plant Manager gives the safety briefing, introduces SVP of Generation Jim Heilbron</p> <p>10:20am: Remarks: <b>(Open press)</b>          -Heilbron gives a brief welcome, introduces Sen. Luther Strange          -Sen. Strange gives brief welcome, introduces Administrator Pruitt          -Pruitt addresses plant employees          -Heilbron thanks Pruitt and Strange, dismisses audience  <b>*There will be no press Q&amp;A, press will be located in the back of the room during the remarks.</b></p> <p>10:45am: Begin tour of plant</p> <p>11:30: Depart for Brentwood Farms</p> <p>11:45ish: Call into Yellowhammer Radio for joint interview</p>
12:30PM- 1:45PM	<p><b>Alabama Farm Federation Event</b> Brentwood Farm</p> <p>12:30PM: Lunch with Chip and Mistie Burkes (owners) Attendees: Senator Strange, Administrator Pruitt Jimmy Parnell (President, Alabama Farm Federation)</p> <p>12:55pm: Tour of Farm led by Chip and Mistie Burkes 1:00pm: Larger group arrives (additional guests of Burkes family, state board and local farmers invited by ALFA, guests identified by Pruitt and/or Strange)</p> <p>1:20pm: Remarks <b>(Open Press)</b>          -Chip Burkes introduces Jimmy Parnell for remarks          -Jimmy Parnell introduces Sen. Strange to offer remarks          -Sen. Strange introduces Administrator Pruitt for remarks  <b>*There will be no press Q&amp;A, press will be located in the back of the room during the remarks.</b>          WBRC Fox 6 – Reporter Rick Journey and his cameraman          Yellowhammer Reporter – probably Jordan LaPorte</p> <p>1:45pm: Depart for airport</p>
3:52PM	<p><b>BHM to</b> <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Privacy Info in Enforcement Records / Ex. 1e</span> <b>Arrive</b></p>

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** 'Teehan, Shana (Strange)' <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** 'Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)' <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Shana and Dylan – Are you free for a call this afternoon to touch base?

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:30 PM  
**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Shana and Dylan – Thanks again for taking the time to chat this afternoon. I look forward to hearing back from you about local press and the event schedule.

Here is also the checklist I mentioned – in case this is helpful for event set-up:

#### Event Checklist

- Line-by-line of movements
- Run of show and format of event – speech, roundtable, tour?
- Indoor or outdoor event
- Room size and exits
- Podium
- Podium sign or seal
- Stage
- Flags
- Mult box
- Signage
- Who will be on stage
- Identify speakers
- Who will be in audience
- How many people
- What is the backdrop – farm, power plant, factory floor, etc.
- Open or closed press
- Press riser
- Identify local press
- Guest and press RSVP
- Guest and press check in at event
- Social media
- EPA cameras
- Event theme and takeaway
- POC for event
- Local economic impact

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:22 AM  
**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Good morning - Here is the call in for this afternoon:

Conference Call Line: **Exemption 6**  
Code ID: **Exemption 6**  
Participant Code: 234567

Sent from my iPho**Exemption 6**

On Jun 12, 2017, at 6:35 PM, Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)> wrote:

Would 2pm work? What number should we call? I think that Dylan and I will be in separate locations, so would you be able to conference us all together?  
Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 6:21 PM  
To: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sorry we could not make today work. What time works tomorrow afternoon?

-----Original Message-----

From: Teehan, Shana (Strange) [[mailto:shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 3:45 PM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

I'm available now, but can also get on a call tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:45 AM  
To: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sounds good. I am looping in Liz from our team as well. I can do a call this afternoon or tomorrow, but will be out of the office Weds - Fri. Let us know what works best on your end.

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [[mailto:Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:18 AM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Amy,

Looking forward to working with you more on the trip. I'm going to fill Shana in on this AM's call and then it'd be great to set up a time for the three of us, and any other comms folks on your end, to go over specific media and attendees.

Thanks,

Dylan

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Dylan J. Vorbach  
Press Secretary/Speechwriter  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
202-224-4124

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange)  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:07 AM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sure thing. They are copied.

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
[kevin\\_turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:kevin_turner@strange.senate.gov)

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:05 AM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Kevin - Thanks for arranging the call this morning. Would you mind connecting me with your

press team?

Thank you,  
Amy

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:22 AM  
To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Please use this number for the 9:30 call. Thanks.

**Ex. 6**

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
[kevin\\_turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:kevin_turner@strange.senate.gov)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:43 PM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Thanks, Kevin. We will call you at 9:30 on Monday. What is the best number to call?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:52 PM  
To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Absolutely. I'm open 9-10:30 and 2:30-4:30.

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
Senator Luther Strange

On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kevin, this looks great. I am also looping in our press folks. Could we find some time on Monday to discuss?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [mailto:[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]

Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:41 PM

To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

Subject: Pruitt Alabama visit

Troy,

Attached is a proposed itinerary for Administrator Pruitt's visit to Alabama. Happy to walk through it over the phone this afternoon.

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Message

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]  
**Sent:** 5/11/2017 3:47:54 PM  
**To:** Issakhanian, Tadeh [Tadeh.Issakhanian@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/EPA Administrator Pruitt & Rep. Costa - 5/23 @10:30AM

Perfect, we'll get it locked in.

Best,  
Aaron

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**From:** Issakhanian, Tadeh [mailto:Tadeh.Issakhanian@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:46 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting w/EPA Administrator Pruitt & Rep. Costa - 5/23 @10:30AM

Aaron,

Let go ahead and schedule for 10:30AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, our office is Rayburn 2081.

Regards,

**Tadeh Issakhanian**  
Scheduler/Press Aide  
Office of Congressman Jim Costa (CA-16)  
2081 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(P) 202.225.3341 | (F) 202.225-9308

**\*PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE MOVED OFFICES TO RAYBURN 2081**

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:43 AM  
**To:** Issakhanian, Tadeh <Tadeh.Issakhanian@mail.house.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting w/EPA Administrator Pruitt & Rep. Costa - 5/23 @10:30AM

Hi Tadeh, good chatting a second ago. Let me know if 10:30AM on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> works for your boss and we'll get it confirmed on his schedule. Troy Lyons and myself will be attending with the Administrator.

Thanks,  
Aaron

**Aaron E. Ringel**

*Deputy Associate Administrator*

*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

W: 202.564.4373

[Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov](mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov)

Message

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**From:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) [shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/3/2017 10:17:12 PM  
**To:** Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Quick update on this. Rick Journey is taking vacation this Thursday, but I have a great replacement from the same station. Alan Collins was also instrumental this week in pushing back on the fake news regarding the EPA superfund site. For Yellowhammer, the editor, Larry Huff, will be joining us. Both have said they are very unlikely to come to the farm. I'm working with Debra Davis at ALFA on a reporter for that event.

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**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Shana – Per our conversation this morning, I'm attaching the latest version of our event briefing. We have added the two radio interviews to the schedule and will plug in names of reporters coming to the events once they are confirmed.

Thanks again to you and Dylan for all your help.

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** 'Teehan, Shana (Strange)' <shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Thanks, Dylan and Shana. Do you have a list of reporters we should reach out to today? Also, details on the couple of potential radio interviews we discussed?

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**From:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) [mailto:shana\_teehan@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 1, 2017 2:10 PM  
**To:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <Dylan\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sorry for the delayed response on this. Putting out more fires. My thoughts below within the schedule. Because of the EPA Superfund issue we're dealing with in Birmingham, we definitely have to keep this tight. [http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2017/06/former\\_alabama\\_legislator\\_oliv.html](http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2017/06/former_alabama_legislator_oliv.html)  
I've attached the document that Luther sent to the EPA when AG, regarding his objections to the site being named a superfund site.

If Mr. Pruitt is asked about the superfund cleanup site, he can keep the answer simple. My suggested points are below, but y'all know him best of course -

Proudly worked alongside Senator Strange and other Republican AGs to stop Obama EPA job-killing overreach  
Excited to work with President Trump to make sure EPA is doing the job it was created to do, ensure clean air and water

I don't think we'll have a problem getting media to the power plant, but I'm not sure they'll stick around for several hours for the open remarks at the farm.

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**From:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 9:33 AM

**To:** Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>;  
[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Amy,

Yesterday afternoon, I had a brief call with Southern Power to go through the details of that visit, and based on the layout of their facility and a few plant rules, they suggested the following:

10 – 10:15 AM: Hold brief press availability at Visitors Center. This building is outside the main security gate, making it easier than shepherding press through to the plant. They also need to keep press separate from the meeting with employees.

- Plant manager, Senator, and Administrator would be in presentation room with podium, mult box, and projection backdrop of the plant.
- Brief remarks, no gaggle questions, followed by pre-arranged one-on-ones with trusted print and TV sources Shana identifies.

10:15: Announce that we have to go meet with employees, providing a hard stop on press avail.

10:20: Proceed with rest of timeline as planned.

Let me know if this alternative is acceptable on your end, and we'll get the process in motion on the plant's end. Feel free to call with any other questions ( **Ex. 6** ) and Shana will be following up with more media details.

Thanks,

Dylan

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**From:** Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:53 PM

**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi all – Since we are getting close to next week's events, I wanted to circle back on press. Can you provide a list of reporters you recommend inviting to the two events on Thursday? We'd like to start doing outreach tomorrow and Monday.

Can you also confirm whether there will be press risers, a mult box, podium, etc. at each of these events?

Below is the updated schedule with the press components plugged in. I also removed the proposed Q&A at the farm event. We would prefer to just stick with remarks.

Feel free to give me a call tomorrow to go over the details - Ex. 6

We're looking forward to a great day.

Thank you,  
Amy

6:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Departure:</b> <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 0 5px;">Exemption 7(c)</span> <b>to Birmingham</b>  9:15ish Call into Alabama Morning News with JT Radio Show
10:00AM-11:30AM	<b>Clean Power Plan Event</b> Plant Gaston 31972 Highway 25 Wilsonville, AL  10 – 10:15 AM: Hold brief press availability at Visitors Center. WBRC Fox 6 – Reporter Rick Journey and his cameraman Yellowhammer Reporter – probably Jordan LaPorte  10:15am: Plant Manager gives the safety briefing, introduces SVP of Generation Jim Heilbron  10:20am: Remarks: <b>(Open press)</b> -Heilbron gives a brief welcome, introduces Sen. Luther Strange -Sen. Strange gives brief welcome, introduces Administrator Pruitt -Pruitt addresses plant employees -Heilbron thanks Pruitt and Strange, dismisses audience <b>*There will be no press Q&amp;A, press will be located in the back of the room during the remarks.</b>  10:45am: Begin tour of plant  11:30: Depart for Brentwood Farms  11:45ish: Call into Yellowhammer Radio for joint interview
12:30PM-1:45PM	<b>Alabama Farm Federation Event</b> Brentwood Farm  12:30PM: Lunch with Chip and Mistie Burkes (owners) Attendees: Senator Strange, Administrator Pruitt Jimmy Parnell (President, Alabama Farm Federation)

	12:55pm: Tour of Farm led by Chip and Mistie Burkes 1:00pm: Larger group arrives (additional guests of Burkes family, state board and local farmers invited by ALFA, guests identified by Pruitt and/or Strange  1:20pm: Remarks <b>(Open Press)</b> -Chip Burkes introduces Jimmy Parnell for remarks -Jimmy Parnell introduces Sen. Strange to offer remarks -Sen. Strange introduces Administrator Pruitt for remarks <b>*There will be no press Q&amp;A, press will be located in the back of the room during the remarks.</b> WBRC Fox 6 – Reporter Rick Journey and his cameraman Yellowhammer Reporter – probably Jordan LaPorte  1:45pm: Depart for airport
3:52PM	<b>BHM to Arrive</b> <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Exemption 7(c)</span>

**From:** Graham, Amy

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 2:04 PM

**To:** 'Teehan, Shana (Strange)' <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** 'Vorbach, Dylan (Strange)' <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Shana and Dylan – Are you free for a call this afternoon to touch base?

**From:** Graham, Amy

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:30 PM

**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Shana and Dylan – Thanks again for taking the time to chat this afternoon. I look forward to hearing back from you about local press and the event schedule.

Here is also the checklist I mentioned – in case this is helpful for event set-up:

#### Event Checklist

- Line-by-line of movements
- Run of show and format of event – speech, roundtable, tour?
- Indoor or outdoor event
- Room size and exits
- Podium
- Podium sign or seal
- Stage
- Flags

- Mult box
- Signage
- Who will be on stage
- Identify speakers
- Who will be in audience
- How many people
- What is the backdrop – farm, power plant, factory floor, etc.
- Open or closed press
- Press riser
- Identify local press
- Guest and press RSVP
- Guest and press check in at event
- Social media
- EPA cameras
- Event theme and takeaway
- POC for event
- Local economic impact

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**From:** Graham, Amy

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:22 AM

**To:** Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov](mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Good morning - Here is the call in for this afternoon:

Conference Call Line: **Exemption 6**

Code ID: **Exemption 6**

Participant Code: **Exemption 6**

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2017, at 6:35 PM, Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)> wrote:

Would 2pm work? What number should we call? I think that Dylan and I will be in separate locations, so would you be able to conference us all together?

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 6:21 PM

To: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>

Cc: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sorry we could not make today work. What time works tomorrow afternoon?

-----Original Message-----

From: Teehan, Shana (Strange) [[mailto:shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)]

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 3:45 PM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

I'm available now, but can also get on a call tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:45 AM  
To: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sounds good. I am looping in Liz from our team as well. I can do a call this afternoon or tomorrow, but will be out of the office Weds - Fri. Let us know what works best on your end.

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) [[mailto:Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:18 AM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Teehan, Shana (Strange) <[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Amy,

Looking forward to working with you more on the trip. I'm going to fill Shana in on this AM's call and then it'd be great to set up a time for the three of us, and any other comms folks on your end, to go over specific media and attendees.

Thanks,

Dylan

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Dylan J. Vorbach  
Press Secretary/Speechwriter  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
202-224-4124

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange)  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:07 AM  
To: Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Vorbach, Dylan (Strange) <[Dylan\\_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Dylan_Vorbach@strange.senate.gov)>; Teehan, Shana (Strange)

<[shana\\_teehan@strange.senate.gov](mailto:shana_teehan@strange.senate.gov)>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Sure thing. They are copied.

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
[kevin\\_turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:kevin_turner@strange.senate.gov)

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:05 AM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Kevin - Thanks for arranging the call this morning. Would you mind connecting me with your press team?

Thank you,  
Amy

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:22 AM  
To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Please use this number for the 9:30 call. Thanks.

**Ex. 6**

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
[kevin\\_turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:kevin_turner@strange.senate.gov)

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:43 PM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <[Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)

<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>

Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Thanks, Kevin. We will call you at 9:30 on Monday. What is the best number to call?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]

Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:52 PM

To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

Cc: Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>; Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;

Graham, Amy <[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>; Howard, Jordan (Strange)

<[Jordan\\_Howard@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jordan_Howard@strange.senate.gov)>

Subject: Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Absolutely. I'm open 9-10:30 and 2:30-4:30.

Kevin L. Turner

Chief of Staff

Senator Luther Strange

On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Kevin, this looks great. I am also looping in our press folks. Could we find some time on Monday to discuss?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [[mailto:Kevin\\_Turner@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Kevin_Turner@strange.senate.gov)]

Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:41 PM

To: Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

Subject: Pruitt Alabama visit

Troy,

Attached is a proposed itinerary for Administrator Pruitt's visit to Alabama. Happy to walk through it over the phone this afternoon.

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Message

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**From:** Chiotti, Miles [Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/22/2017 2:53:04 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Randall, Brittany [Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory Meeting

Thanks, Troy. See you on Wednesday.

Best,  
Miles

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**Miles A. Chiotti**

Legislative Director  
Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
1740 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2371

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Randall, Brittany  
**Cc:** Chiotti, Miles; Ringel, Aaron; Shimmin, Kaitlyn  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory Meeting

Yes, 3:30 will work!

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**From:** Randall, Brittany [mailto:Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Chiotti, Miles <Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory Meeting

Will 3:30 on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> possibly work?

Brittany Randall  
Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
1740 Longworth HOB  
(202) 225-2371  
[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** Randall, Brittany

**Cc:** Chiotti, Miles; Ringel, Aaron; Shimmin, Kaitlyn

**Subject:** Re: Introductory Meeting

Thanks, Brittany. I'd love the opportunity to visit w the Congressman. I cannot do Monday. How does the rest of the week look?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 1:29 PM, Randall, Brittany <[Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Troy,

Rep. Rodney Davis would like to set up a meeting with you to introduce himself and go over some of his EPA priorities. Are you possibly available to meet with the Congressman on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 in our office, 1740 Longworth House Office Building? I appreciate your consideration for this request.

Brittany Randall  
Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
1740 Longworth HOB  
(202) 225-2371  
[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

Message

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**From:** Randall, Brittany [Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/22/2017 2:33:22 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**CC:** Chiotti, Miles [Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov]; Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory Meeting

Great! See you then.

Brittany Randall  
Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
1740 Longworth HOB  
(202) 225-2371  
[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:33 AM  
**To:** Randall, Brittany  
**Cc:** Chiotti, Miles; Ringel, Aaron; Shimmin, Kaitlyn  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory Meeting

Yes, 3:30 will work!

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**From:** Randall, Brittany [mailto:Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Chiotti, Miles <Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Introductory Meeting

Will 3:30 on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> possibly work?

Brittany Randall  
Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** Randall, Brittany  
**Cc:** Chiotti, Miles; Ringel, Aaron; Shimmin, Kaitlyn  
**Subject:** Re: Introductory Meeting

Thanks, Brittany. I'd love the opportunity to visit w the Congressman. I cannot do Monday. How does the rest of the week look?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 1:29 PM, Randall, Brittany <[Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brittany.Randall@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Troy,

Rep. Rodney Davis would like to set up a meeting with you to introduce himself and go over some of his EPA priorities. Are you possibly available to meet with the Congressman on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 in our office, 1740 Longworth House Office Building? I appreciate your consideration for this request.

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**Sent:** 5/19/2017 10:47:19 PM  
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**CC:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]; Neill, Andrew [Andrew.Neill@mail.house.gov]; Field, Ian [Ian.Field@mail.house.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Wagner, Kenneth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=048236ab99bc4d5ea16c139b1b67719c-Wagner, Ken]  
**Subject:** Re: Sterling Correspondence

Thank you all for all your help on this. Greatly appreciated.

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> On May 19, 2017, at 6:26 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Happy to run point on FIFRA. Will circle back after doing homework on my end.  
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>> On May 19, 2017, at 5:15 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> -Aaron  
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>> -Andrew

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-Aaron

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**Aaron E. Ringel**  
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Best,

-Andrew

**Andrew Neill**

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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Mr. Steven Owens  
Assistant Administrator  
Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Administrator Owens:

I wanted to take this opportunity to compliment your Biopesticide and Pollution Prevention staff for a job well done. Recently, I met with one of my constituents, Rod Schneidmiller, President of Sterling International, Inc. I am very proud of this company which is located in my district, as it is a market leader in its industry and proof that American, home-grown businesses, can compete with the best in the world. Sterling International is an active partner in our community, a strong job creator, and continues to produce high quality and innovative products.

Recently, Mr. Schneidmiller has described the process Sterling went through to register its products with your agency. Those products are attractant based outdoor insect traps designed to capture and mitigate flies, yellowjackets, paper wasps, etc. Several years ago Sterling voluntarily approached the EPA to register its products with your agency under FIFRA. More than two decades ago Sterling had received advice in writing from the EPA indicating registration was not required for this class of goods, but Sterling, as a responsible company decided of its own volition to revisit this topic with the EPA.

After a set of initial meetings beginning several years ago Rod and his team worked closely with your agency to obtain registrations for all of Sterling's products so as to be in full compliance with FIFRA. The biopesticide division's staff worked with Sterling to make this transition to full registration a reality. The project spanned several years and involved Sterling spending several million dollars.

Understandably, Rod is proud that Sterling is the only company in its market niche to have all of its products FIFRA compliant. This is an example of a private business working cooperatively with a regulatory agency to produce a positive outcome. According to Rod, your staff has also worked with several states that have had questions about the EPA approved labels for Sterling's products and about the registration process. These questions were answered and I believe that these individuals' efforts were important to maintaining FIFRA's integrity. I offer my special thanks to Michael McDavit and his team.

I certainly hope that I can count on your agency to assure that the same regulatory efforts are used with respect to all products in this niche of the US marketplace. This would assure that Congress' original intent when it enacted FIFRA is faithfully maintained in an even handed way.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704

December 4, 2014

The Honorable Cynthia Giles  
Assistant Administrator  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Assistant Administrator Giles:

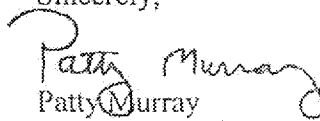
I am writing concerning the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) investigation of a biopesticide registration violation reported by Sterling International, Inc (Sterling) in August 2012. I appreciate EPA's attention on this matter and I encourage EPA to move forward and give the investigation a thorough review in a timely and judicious manner.

In August 2012, Sterling first alerted EPA to several potentially unregistered biochemical pesticide lures and traps products in the marketplace. In the letter, Sterling requested that EPA look into the issue and provided their own product analysis detailing the active ingredients in each biopesticide product they suspected were not properly registered. After several emails and calls, Sterling met with EPA Pesticides Enforcement staff to discuss this issue. At the June 2013 meeting, EPA indicated that an investigation had begun, in part due to the information provided by Sterling.

The investigation has been ongoing for over a year. As the active investigation continues, I am concerned about the potential for unregistered products to remain in the marketplace. In the interim Sterling, a company in my home state, continues to play by the rules by paying all federal and state fees that apply to their registered products. I am troubled that some of their competitors are avoiding paying these fees.

Thank you for giving this request your full attention. It is my hope that the investigation of this matter can be completed in a thorough and expeditious manner. If you have any questions, I encourage you to contact Denise Dickenson of my staff at (202) 228-6692.

Sincerely,

  
Patty Murray  
United States Senator

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ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
FOR ENFORCEMENT AND  
COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 2014, regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's investigations into biopesticidal products for possible registration violations under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. I appreciate your interest in this matter.

My staff has received the information provided by Sterling International. We share your concerns about unfair marketplace practices. EPA has been and continues to actively investigate these types of products. Since this is a continuing enforcement effort, I cannot comment further on its progress.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Caroline Levine in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at, [Levine.Caroline@epa.gov](mailto:Levine.Caroline@epa.gov) or (202)564-1859.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Giles".

Cynthia Giles



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

MAY 29 2015

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers:

As discussed on our May 15, 2015, telephone conversation, I am providing you with an update regarding the concerns raised by Sterling International, Inc. (Sterling) about the sale of unregistered pesticides.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to investigate Sterling's allegations of non-compliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and its registration requirements. Through our investigation, we have learned that many of the products alleged by Sterling to be non-compliant with FIFRA have been pulled from the retail marketplace and are no longer available. Further, two companies subject to Sterling's allegations – Black Flag Brands, Inc. and Wellmark International – have initiated discussions with the Office of Pesticide Programs regarding registration of their products at issue to bring them into compliance with FIFRA.

As I am sure you can appreciate, we cannot discuss the status of the ongoing portion of our investigation regarding other companies; the EPA does not disclose information that may interfere with an investigation or possible settlement negotiations and litigation. The EPA has informed Sterling's representative, Mr. Marc Himmelstein, that our agency continues to investigate Sterling's allegations and once that investigation is complete, we will evaluate if an enforcement action is appropriate.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Raquel Snyder in the EPA's Office of Congressional Intergovernmental Relations at [snyder.raquel@epa.gov](mailto:snyder.raquel@epa.gov) or (202) 564-9586.

Sincerely,

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A. Stanley Meiburg  
Acting Deputy Administrator

CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS  
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The Honorable A. Stanley Meiburg  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460


Dear Deputy Administrator Meiburg:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me last month and the subsequent follow-up letter.

As I mentioned during our conversation, I continue to have concerns regarding the Agency's enforcement division's lack of protection for registrants, like Sterling International, Inc. (Sterling). While your willingness to investigate this matter is reassuring, unfortunately, some of the information provided in the follow-up letter is seemingly inconsistent with the facts. In particular, the letter states that "many of the products alleged by Sterling to be non-compliant with FIFRA have been pulled from the retail marketplace and are no longer available." However, I recently received the attached picture depicting a non-registered product being sold alongside Sterling's registered product from a store in Eastern Washington.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. During our recent conversation we discussed finding an opportunity to meet. As such, I would like to request a meeting with you as well as Deputy Assistant Administrator Shari Wilson and Assistant Administrator Jim Jones to further discuss this issue. Thank you for working with Sterling International, Inc. and trust that you will continue to work with them and those in the industry in a constructive manner.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Member of Congress

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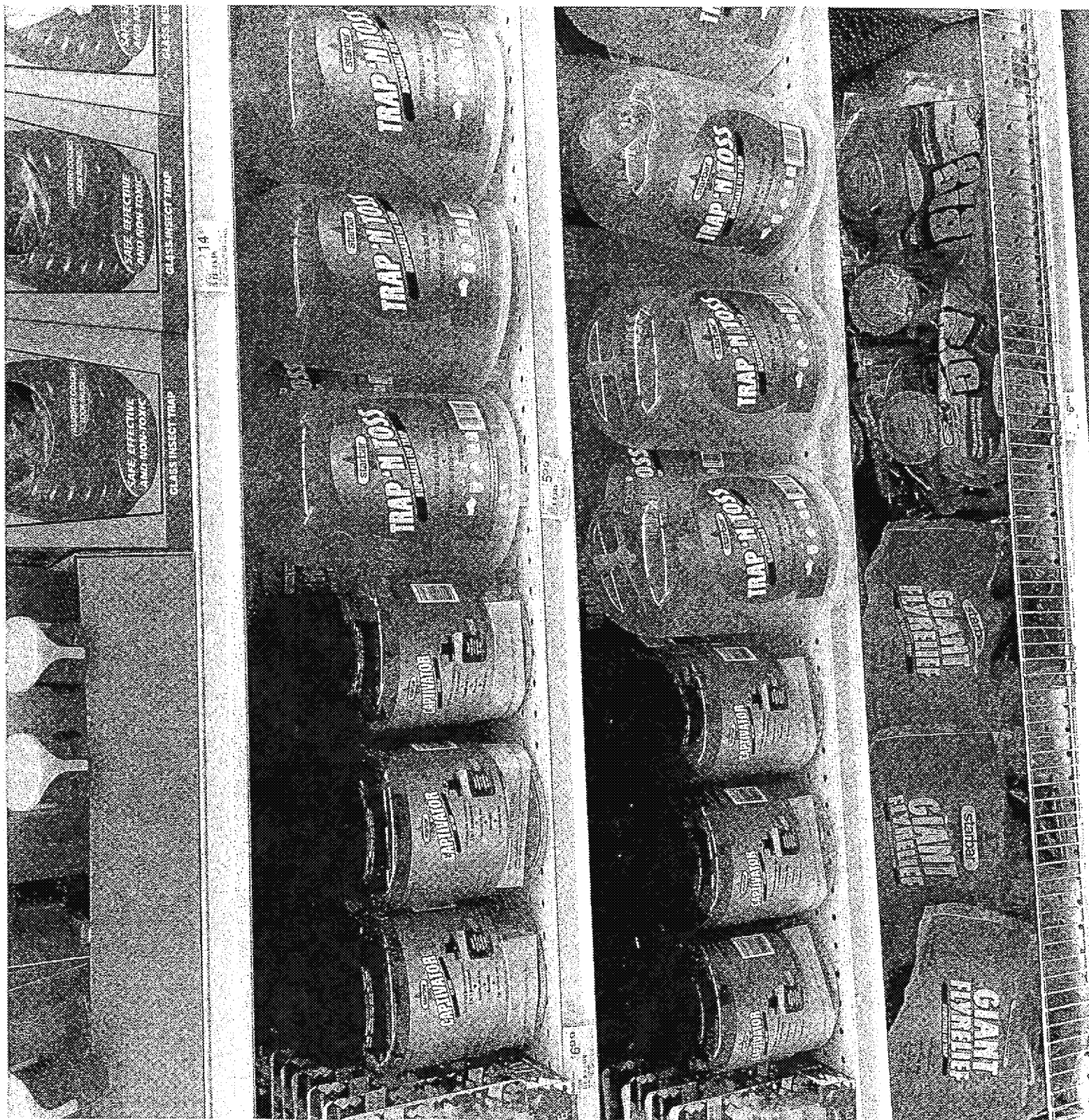
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OFFICE OF  
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
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Dear Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers:

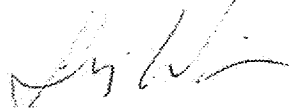
Thank you for your letter of June 29, 2015 to Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg regarding further concerns raised by Sterling International, Inc. (Sterling) about the sale of unregistered fly attractant pesticides. We appreciate your interest in this matter and want to assure you that we understand the importance of compliance and enforcement in establishing a level playing field for these products.

As mentioned in our letter of May 29, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to investigate Sterling's allegations of noncompliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) by several companies. As you know, we cannot disclose information that may interfere with an investigation or possible settlement negotiations and litigation. We note, however, that the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs has registered several of the fly trap products at issue. Although it is possible that some residual product inventory may remain on the shelves, we believe that inventory to be minimal and that those products do not present a significant safety risk to the general public. Our goal is to protect human health and the environment by ensuring pesticide products are in compliance. Our investigation to date has confirmed progress towards that goal. For these reasons, we would like to defer your request for a meeting at this time.

Please allow us to clarify the issue of products alleged as noncompliant with FIFRA that are no longer available and have been "pulled from the retail marketplace." While certain companies that Sterling alleges were in violation have taken steps to bring their products into compliance with FIFRA, it is possible that violative pesticide products remain in the marketplace. Even after companies halt the production, distribution, and sale of non-compliant products and remove them from the distribution facilities under their ownership or control, it is possible that third parties, such as retail stores, will have product remaining on their shelves. EPA regional offices and state agencies routinely conduct marketplace inspections. If they find violative products during these inspections, they can address these products, as appropriate, on a case-by-case basis. When accompanied by details such as date and location, photographs of these products could prove helpful for the agencies conducting these inspections.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Raquel Snyder in the EPA's Office of Congressional Intergovernmental Relations at [snyder.raquel@epa.gov](mailto:snyder.raquel@epa.gov) or (202) 564-9586.

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Shari Wilson  
Deputy Assistant Administrator

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Dear Deputy Administrator Meiburg:

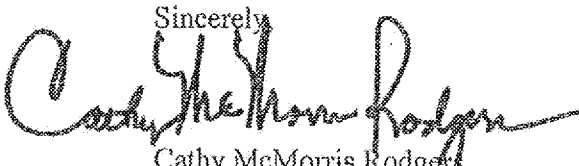
While I appreciate Ms. Wilson's reply dated July 27, 2015, I want to renew my request for a meeting with you, Deputy Assistant Administrator Shari Wilson, and Assistant Administrator Jim Jones after Congress resumes the week of September 8th.

It will be easier for me to understand the situation if we can meet face-to-face and have an open discussion of this matter. This will also help me better communicate the facts to my constituents and have a better insight into the type of legislation that may be needed to address situations like this.

Unregistered products continue to appear in the shelves in Spokane Valley, Washington, which is undoubtedly indicative of a much larger problem nationwide. For instance, I have been told that a large retailer sold approximately 600,000 unregistered flytraps last year and they expect to sell upwards of 10% more this year. This action violates EPA regulations and allows these companies to profit from their non-compliance.

My office will be in touch with your office to schedule the meeting. Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely

  
Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
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OFFICE OF  
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers:

Thank you for your letter of August 14, 2015 to Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg that renewed your request for a meeting to discuss concerns about sales of unregistered flytraps, including some that have been observed in the state of Washington. We appreciate the information you have provided us to date concerning these unregistered products.

Please be assured the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to investigate the allegations raised by your constituent, Sterling International, Inc., of noncompliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) by several companies. As you know, we cannot disclose information that may interfere with an investigation or possible settlement negotiations and litigation. For these reasons, it would be inappropriate to meet at this time. The agency will follow up with you as soon as we have information to share.

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Shari Wilson  
Deputy Assistant Administrator

## Sterling Timeline

- June, 2009  
Product registered with EPA. (Flytraps – first of several registrations finalized.)
- September 27, 2011  
U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers writes Steven Owens, Assistant Administrator for Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention for USEPA (attached), expressing thanks for the work EPA did with Sterling and the hope that the same regulatory process will be applied to all such products in the U.S. marketplace.
- September, 2012  
Representatives of Sterling (the sole biopesticide registrant in this market segment) notified the program office of copycat products marketed without registration. The matter was referred to the Enforcement Office and Sterling's representatives were told to meet with the appropriate enforcement staff. Requests were immediately sent to Yvette Hellyer and Kim Wilson.
- October, 2012 until June, 2013  
Enforcement staff refused to meet, even though the Sterling representatives stated they had all data supporting the case that violations were occurring.
- June 18, 2013  
After many calls from Chairman Boxer's office, a meeting was held with Yvette Hellyer and Kimberly Wilson. Specific mass spec data showing active ingredients were identified for each product and for each manufacturer that were in violation of the biopesticide registration rules.
- June, 2013 to present  
Communications from Senator Murray and Congresswoman Rodgers urging action.
- May 15, 2015  
Telephone conversation between Congresswoman Rodgers and Acting Deputy Administrator Meiberg.
- May 29, 2015  
Letter from Meiberg to Congresswoman Rodgers (attached), confirming telephone conversation and stating that EPA continues to investigate the situation.

- June 29, 2015

Letter from Congresswoman Rodgers to Acting Deputy Administrator Meiberg (attached) requesting a meeting, and advising that non-registered products were still being sold (and providing photographic evidence to that affect) despite a follow up letter from EPA stating that "many of the products alleged by Sterling to be non-compliant with FIFRA have been pulled from the retail marketplace and are no longer available."

- July 27, 2015

Letter from Shari Wilson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, to Congresswoman Rodgers (attached) deferring the Congresswoman's request for a meeting with Acting Deputy Administrator Meiberg, and addressing the statement from the May 29, 2015 letter that "many of the products alleged by Sterling to be non-compliant with FIFRA have been pulled from the retail marketplace and are no longer available" as a matter of "residual product inventory".

- August 14, 2015

Letter from Congresswoman Rodgers to Acting Deputy Administrator Meiberg (attached) renewing her request for a meeting, further explaining that sales of unregistered products at one larger retailer reached approximately 600,000 in 2015 with an expectation of a 10% increase in sales for the next year.

To Reiterate: One retailer sold 600,000 unregistered flytraps in the 2015 season, with the expectation to sell over 650,000 unregistered flytraps in 2016. These numbers are not indicative of "residual product inventory".

- October 6, 2015

Letter from Shari Wilson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, to Congresswoman Rodgers (attached) once again refusing a request for a meeting with Acting Deputy Administrator Meiberg.

Message

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/19/2017 3:59:48 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**CC:** Byrne, Andrew [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7780ba77939e4cb3a5f8aed1eda8c70a-Byrne, Andrew]; Inglett, Angela [Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Aaron!

It never gets easier for these guys, does it?! Yes, I am sure that would be perfect.

Thank you!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela; Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hey Mary!

June is really tough for us, he's traveling for a good portion of the month and we have two budget hearings. How long would the meeting need to be, 15-30 minutes?

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 8:39 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov>; Inglett, Angela <Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Happy Friday!

How does the week of June 5 look for a meeting here with the Chairman and the Administrator?

Thank you!

Mary

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 9:29 AM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela; Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Will do! Again, apologies for the delay.

Best,

Aaron

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 9:20 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <[Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Inglett, Angela <[Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Understand. If he weren't a Committee Chairman, we'd be happy to come to you. Please let us know the next Hill day, as this request has been in for some time.

Thanks!

Mary

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela; Lyons, Troy  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Mary, we do make hill visits and are doing our first big one this Wednesday but it is now completely packed since we are meeting with both House and Senate committee Chairman of immediate jurisdiction on the same day.

We also have had a number of members come visit the Administrator here personally, which makes scheduling infinitely easier. I'm sure we'll be back on the hill in the next month and can work out a time during his next visit.

Best,  
Aaron

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 9:10 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <[Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Inglett, Angela <[Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Ha! Great minds! I appreciate your trying to work with us, but no, there is no way to have the Chairman off the Hill during the work week – sorry – we schedule here in 15 minute increments. Traditionally agency folks come to the Hill. Have you not yet begun Hill meetings? Traditionally, our experience has been that agency heads do make the Hill trip. Has your previously mentioned May 3 Hill time (April 24 email) not panned out for you?

Thanks again!

Mary

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 9:05 AM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary

**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

We literally just emailed each other at the same time!

-Aaron

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <[Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Inglett, Angela <[Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Happy Monday!

I hope you enjoyed the weekend! We did have some time given back for tomorrow (Tuesday afternoon), as they needed to postpone a hearing. I have 4:15, 4:30 and 5:00, if that helps you on your end.

Mary

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** 'Ringel, Aaron'  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

You are terrific! I know what you mean – this week and next are just wild for us, too! WE appreciate the effort!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Thanks, will touch base with you later today. Trying to move things around to make this work but his schedule is really packed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> but still trying to make this work!

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <[Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Inglett, Angela <[Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Aaron,

I hope your week is off to a great start!

WE may have a major opening in the schedule for next Tuesday afternoon, if that makes your lives easier. I will know more by the end of the week.

Thank you!

Mary

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 2:26 PM  
**To:** 'Ringel, Aaron'  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Sounds perfect, thank you!

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

No problem! We are going to sit down and go over the schedule for that day shortly and I'll get back to you in the near term.

Best,  
Aaron

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**From:** Pritschau, Mary [<mailto:Mary.Pritschau@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew <[Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Byrne.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Inglett, Angela <[Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Angela.Inglett@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Aaron! Big smile on my face -- thank you!! We anticipate an all-day markup, but there should be a recess for lunch. Might you be able to make 12:30? First floor votes are usually about 1-1:15. Otherwise, perhaps later in the afternoon....4 or 4:15?

Thanks so very much!

Mary

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** Pritschau, Mary  
**Cc:** Byrne, Andrew; Inglett, Angela  
**Subject:** Mtg w/Administrator Pruitt

Hi Mary, wanted to touch base on a meeting request you had sent us earlier today. We are working to set up hill meetings for the Administrator on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and wanted to see if there was a range of times you could provide that might work for Chairman Goodlatte on that day? Appreciate your help!

Best,  
Aaron

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Message

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**From:** Howard, Jordan (Strange) [Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/19/2017 7:06:31 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
**Subject:** Brentwood Farm Fact Sheet  
**Attachments:** Brentwood Farms LLC.DOCX

Troy,

Attached is a one-pager about the farm visit. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts on the agenda.

Best,  
Jordan

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**From:** Howard, Jordan (Strange)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:11 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Plant Miller and Mercedes Fact Sheet

Troy,

Attached are fact sheets for Plant Miller and Mercedes. As soon as I have the farm info I'll send it your way.

Also, let me know any thoughts you and the team have on the agenda, so we can finalize that. Kevin and I are happy to hop on a call.

Thanks,  
Jordan

**Jordan Howard | Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff**  
Senator Luther Strange | Alabama  
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Brentwood Farms, LLC is a family farm located just southeast of Brent, AL. The farm is owned and operated by Chip & Mistie Burkes and is located at 677 Brentwood Farm Lane. Located in a bend of the historic and ecologically significant Cahaba River, the 625-acre farm is one of the most picturesque tracts in Alabama. The Burkes have owned the property for approximately 3 years and have grown their herd of Simmental and Sim-Angus cattle to more than 350 head.

The Burkes also own Burkes Mechanical which started in 1986 when Herbie E. Burkes Sr. humbly started with a helper and the vision of a better way to meet the needs of clients. Little did he realize how big that need would truly become. By treating employees with fairness and respect, he was able to assemble a team that could meet the needs of clients and exceed their expectations. In 2003, Chip and Mistie acquired the company. While the ownership may have changed, the same family values continued: Integrity, safety, quality, and individual attention.

Today the operations span multiple states with a staff of over 700 employees serving clients in a host of industries. While Burkes may have begun as a primarily “mechanical” company, we have expanded our services to meet the needs of clients with the same commitment we started with. Today our services include, but are not limited to, electrical, instrumentation, fabrication, and crane rental.



Message

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**From:** Howard, Jordan (Strange) [Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 6/12/2017 2:20:50 PM  
**To:** Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Turner, Kevin (Strange) [Kevin\_Turner@strange.senate.gov]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]  
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**Subject:** RE: Pruitt Alabama visit  
**Attachments:** Miller\_Key Points.pdf; Miller\_Environmental Controls.pdf; Plant Miller Article.pdf

Attached are Plant Miller points and the weather Channel article (link also below).

<http://features.weather.com/us-climate-change/alabama/>.

Thanks,  
Jordan

-----Original Message-----

From: Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 10:05 AM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <Kevin\_Turner@strange.senate.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Hi Kevin - Thanks for arranging the call this morning. Would you mind connecting me with your press team?

Thank you,  
Amy

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [mailto:Kevin\_Turner@strange.senate.gov]  
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 9:22 AM  
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Please use this number for the 9:30 call. Thanks.  
202-228-0212

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)  
kevin\_turner@strange.senate.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 4:43 PM  
To: Turner, Kevin (Strange) <Kevin\_Turner@strange.senate.gov>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov>  
Subject: RE: Pruitt Alabama visit

Thanks, Kevin. We will call you at 9:30 on Monday. What is the best number to call?

-----Original Message-----

From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [mailto:Kevin\_Turner@strange.senate.gov]  
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:52 PM  
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Cc: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Howard, Jordan (Strange) <Jordan\_Howard@strange.senate.gov>  
Subject: Re: Pruitt Alabama visit

Absolutely. I'm open 9-10:30 and 2:30-4:30.

Kevin L. Turner  
Chief of Staff  
Senator Luther Strange

> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:47 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Kevin, this looks great. I am also looping in our press folks. Could we find some time on Monday to discuss?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Turner, Kevin (Strange) [mailto:Kevin\_Turner@strange.senate.gov]

> Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:41 PM

> To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>

> Subject: Pruitt Alabama visit

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> Troy,

> Attached is a proposed itinerary for Administrator Pruitt's visit to Alabama. Happy to walk through it over the phone this afternoon.

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> KT

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# PLANT MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS



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- ▶ Helps comply with The Cross-State Air Pollution Rule

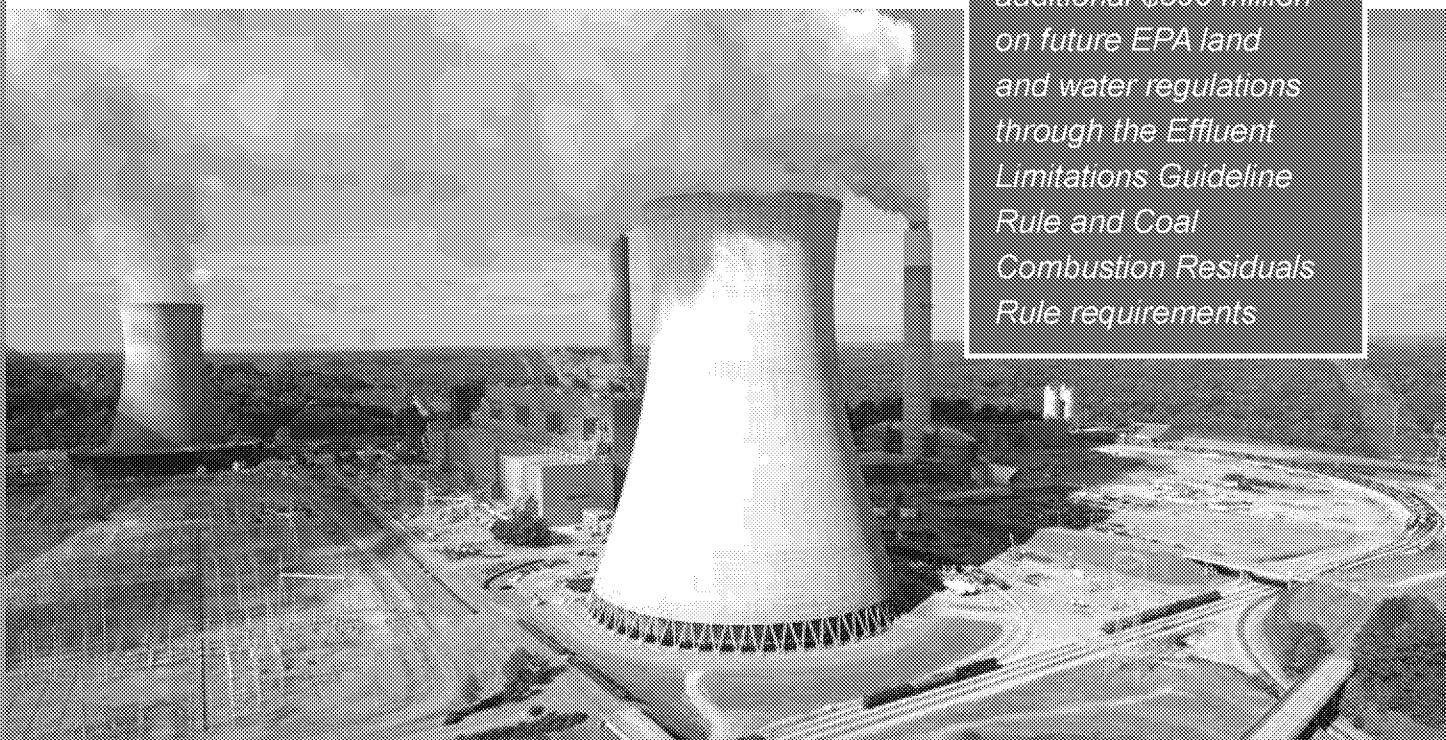
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- That Miller is a large carbon emitter isn't new; Miller is one of the largest power plants in the country, at 2,532 megawatts. Miller's four units were added over time (1978-1991), making it one of the biggest coal-fired plants in the nation. But because of its size and the way we operate it, Miller is recognized as one of the most efficient and cost-efficient coal plants in the nation, producing enough energy to serve about 1 million homes.
  - We could have built several plants in different locations to produce the same amount of power as Miller, and it wouldn't have shown up on this kind of ranking. But that was not the most cost-effective choice for our customers.
  - Miller has state-of-the-art environmental controls – scrubbers (with carbon injection), precipitators, SCRs – for SOX and NOX, mercury and fine particles/soot. It also uses low-sulfur coal from the Powder River Basin, which also has environmental benefits.
- Carbon emission from Miller have come down 8% over the past decade, 2007-2016, while APC carbon emissions are down almost 31 percent.
- About 30 percent of APC generation was emission-free in 2015, thanks to our use of nuclear, plus hydro, plus renewables.

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# THE WORST GREENHOUSE POLLUTER IN AMERICA AND THE PLACE THAT RELIES ON IT

BY ERIC CHANEY AND ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ

Alabama Power's massive coal plant means lots of things to lots of people.  
Like most things, it all depends on your perspective.



Alabama Power's James H. Miller Jr. Electric Generating Plant, located about 16 miles northwest of Birmingham, was the top greenhouse gas-producing U.S. facility in 2015

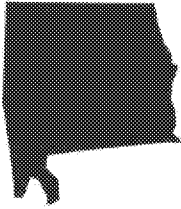
Up close, the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases in the United States isn't as big as you'd expect it to be. From most angles, you can't even see it until you're right on top of it.



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miles away. Nestled on about 800 acres on the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River, the plant is one of Alabama Power's coal-burning workhorses, putting out enough electricity to power about a million homes. It virtually never stops running – and never stops producing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

As the view shifts, so does public opinion.

From certain angles, the plant is a pollution-belching monster harming both the environment and the health of communities. Change your perspective a bit, and Miller is a source of good-paying jobs, a means to raise a family in an area where economic opportunities are thin.

Paul Dollar, 75, who has lived just a few hundred yards from the plant property for more than 30 years, sees Miller both ways. On one hand, there's dust and noise — “this thing I believe is getting my health and it's bothering me.” On the other, Dollar and his daughter Tammy can name a dozen friends, relatives and neighbors who work for the plant, its contractors, or in one of the related service industries.

“To their credit, Alabama Power is a good corporate citizen. They provide good jobs. They do a lot in the community for charity and such,” said Scotty Colson, a lawyer in Birmingham, 16 miles southeast of the plant. But “you don't get the impression that [pollution] is a high priority. They're pretty much OK with shifting the cost onto people who have a problem with what their byproduct is.”

Alabama Power is a subsidiary of the Southern Company, which owns 11 utilities in nine states. Southern has spent nearly \$12 billion on pollution controls at its plants since 1990 and “is committed to comply with all environmental laws and regulations,” spokesman Terrell McCollum wrote in a statement for this article.

But Colson, a clean-air advocate, said those costs have been passed on to customers — both directly on their utility bills and indirectly through impacts on health and climate.

“They start putting the onus on everybody else,” he said, “when in fact they have spent quite a lot with lobbying to fight regulations and delay regulations.”

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*– Scotty Colson, Birmingham lawyer*

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Southern spent more than all but a dozen other U.S. companies on federal lobbying during the 2016 election cycle, according to the Center for Responsive Politics — nearly \$14 million.

Colson has lived in the Birmingham area for all of his 58 years and fought asthma for most of them. Miller's discharges of greenhouse gases and noxious substances have taken a toll, he said, not only on the environment but also on his lungs.

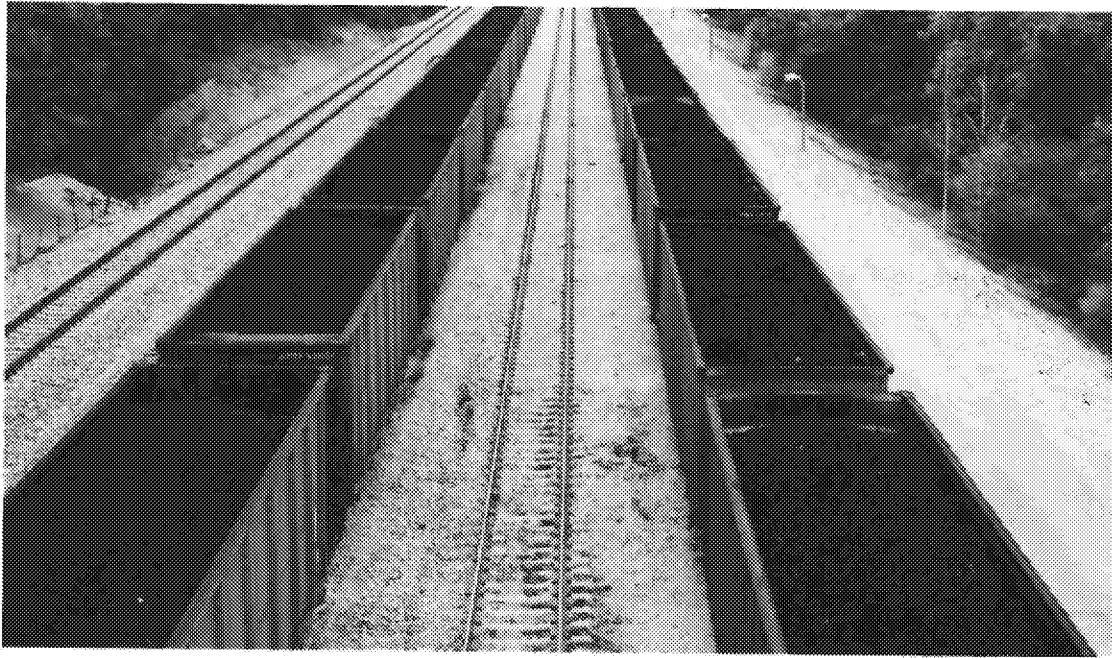
"You rationalize it by saying, 'I'm taking care of my family first,'" he said. "You rationalize it by saying, 'Oh, it really doesn't do any harm.' That's your basic climate denial and science denial, which is epidemic in some areas here."

But the science doesn't lie. Researchers around the world have repeatedly offered proof that climate change is happening and that humans are causing it.

Colson, at least, has no doubts.

"You can question the science," he said, "but you can't question the reality of my lungs."

## OUR SHIFTING CLIMATE



At all hours of the day and night massive coal trains deliver the fossil fuel that powers Miller and creates its nation-leading carbon output.

In 2016, average global temperatures hit record highs for the third year in a row, according to NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Most of the warming since the late 19th century has happened since the early 1980s, the agencies said.

Miller was the nation's biggest emitter of planet-warming gases in 2015, releasing more than 19 million metric tons — the equivalent of about 4 million passenger vehicles driven for a year. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency data show that Miller has been one of the top three greenhouse gas-producing U.S. facilities — not just power plants — since federal tracking began in 2010.

But that doesn't seem to bother its owner.

"That's kind of old news," Alabama Power spokesman Michael Sznajderman said. "It's jostled for that No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 spot for years."

Southern CEO Tom Fanning told CNBC there wasn't proof that carbon dioxide is the key driver of climate change — contradicting the overwhelming scientific evidence.

"Is climate change happening? Certainly. It's been happening for millennia. That's not the issue, OK?" he said.



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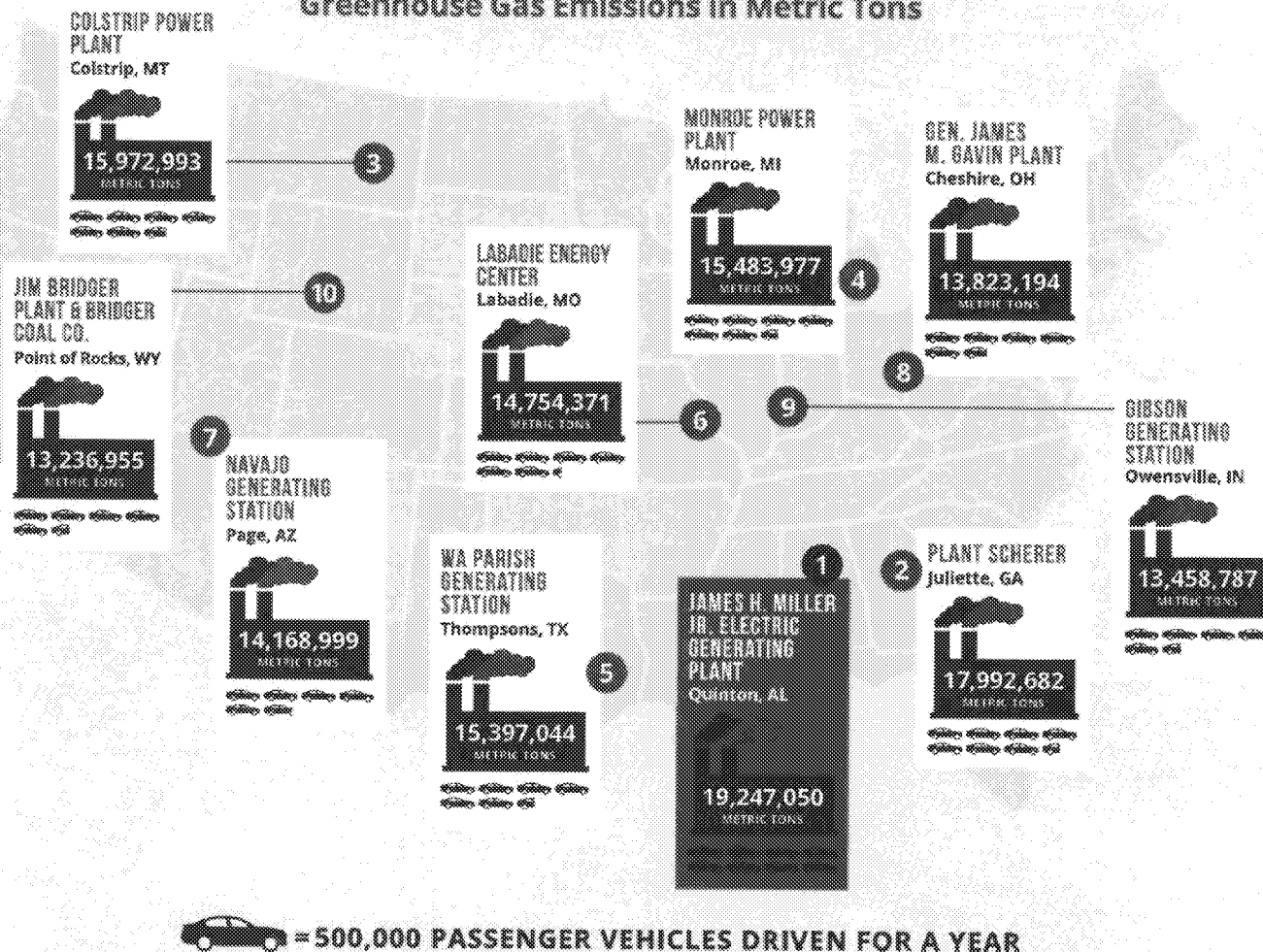
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giving off the most climate-altering gases together make up hardly more than 1 percent of the facilities reporting to the EPA, but account for nearly a third of those discharges. Toxic air emissions are also heavily concentrated, according to a 2016 Center for Public Integrity investigation in partnership with weather.com.

Miller, for its part, halved toxic releases from its stacks between 2010 and 2015, following many years of far higher levels, EPA data show. The steep plunge came after Alabama Power installed pollution controls to comply with federal regulations. These technologies, like scrubbers and ozone-combating machinery, reduce sulfur dioxide, fine particles and other contaminants associated with coal-burning, Sznajderman said.

## Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Metric Tons



Nationwide, the top 100 facilities releasing greenhouse gases collectively added about 940 million metric tons to the atmosphere in 2015. That's the equivalent of a year's worth of greenhouse-gas emissions from 198 million passenger vehicles.

Data Analysis by James G. Thompson, Jr. | Graphics by Rebecca Plunkett

Still, some of Miller's remaining emissions can damage the lungs and, research suggests, increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. The nitrogen oxides coming from Miller, tracked separately by the EPA, are a key ingredient in ground-level ozone, or smog, that's particularly hard on some people. This county, Jefferson, received an "F" grade from the American Lung Association for its ozone levels.

"That is probably my main trigger for asthma issues," Colson said. "I kind of connected the dots ... Days when the ozone is high are the days that I feel really bad."

It used to be the steel mills, pumping out brownish "air you could chew," that cost him days at school and basketball games with his friends. As the mills cleaned up or closed

Miller, he believes, is the primary culprit. The plant was fouling the air all those years, he said, “but you basically didn’t notice that because it was part of an even worse pollution problem.”

## FUTURE COSTS



When Birmingham attorney Scotty Colson was a boy, it was the city’s steel plants that were pumping out air you could chew. Those plants are mostly gone, but the asthmatic Colson still struggles with the region’s bad air. The source, he thinks, is Miller.

Southern is one of the biggest greenhouse-gas emitters in the country — its plants collectively pumped out more than 100 million metric tons in 2015, EPA data show.

Companywide, greenhouse-gas emissions in 2015 were about 25 percent lower than they were a decade earlier, Southern spokesman McCollum wrote. “This reduction was achieved without federal mandates, while delivering to customers the benefits of a more diverse generating fleet,” he wrote.



## ...and the question is, "Is it really an issue, OK?"

— Southern CEO Tom Fanning to CNBC

The problem with climate change is that greenhouse gases sent into the atmosphere today lock in big costs later. A report from online real estate site Zillow says almost 1.9 million homes worth \$882 billion combined “are at risk of being underwater by 2100.”

Add relocation costs for those affected and the loss of tourism dollars in coastal communities, and numbers soar into the trillions — for just a fraction of the damage that experts fear global warming will cause.

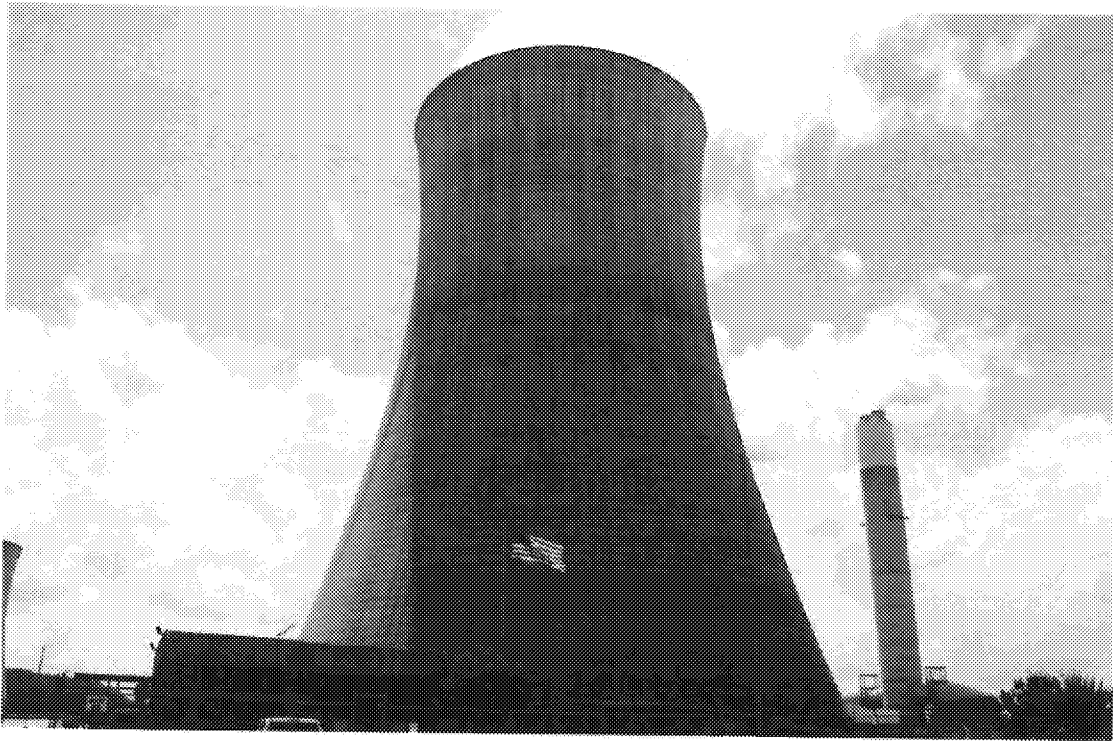
Alabama Power’s Sznajderman said Southern is “certainly cognizant of climate change and those carbon issues, and we’re doing some of the leading research in that area.” Indeed, it operates the National Carbon Capture Center — a complex near Wilsonville, Alabama, aimed at finding ways to sequester carbon dioxide from coal-fired power plants — for the U.S. Department of Energy.

But none of the technologies is ready for deployment at Miller, Sznajderman said. Southern’s Kemper plant in Mississippi, an effort to gasify coal and capture about two-thirds of the carbon, is more than \$4 billion over budget.

Southern also is over budget on a project in Georgia, an expansion of the Alvin W. Vogtle nuclear plant that the company is promoting as a solution for moving away from carbon-based “dirty” energy sources like coal.

Two new power generating units were originally scheduled to be completed by 2016 and 2017, at a cost of \$14 billion, but more recent estimates put the project about three years behind with a final price tag of \$21 billion.

Construction is only about 43 percent complete, and David McKinney, Georgia Power’s vice president of nuclear development, has said the company is assessing the costs of abandoning the project altogether. Georgians are angry about having to foot the bill.



The current US administration has taken steps to roll back environmental regulations concerning fossil fuel-based power production.

For now, the federal government doesn't pose a threat to Miller's place atop the greenhouse-gas list. In March, President Donald Trump ordered the EPA to scrap its Clean Power Plan, an Obama administration carbon-cutting initiative. On June 1, Trump announced America's withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement.

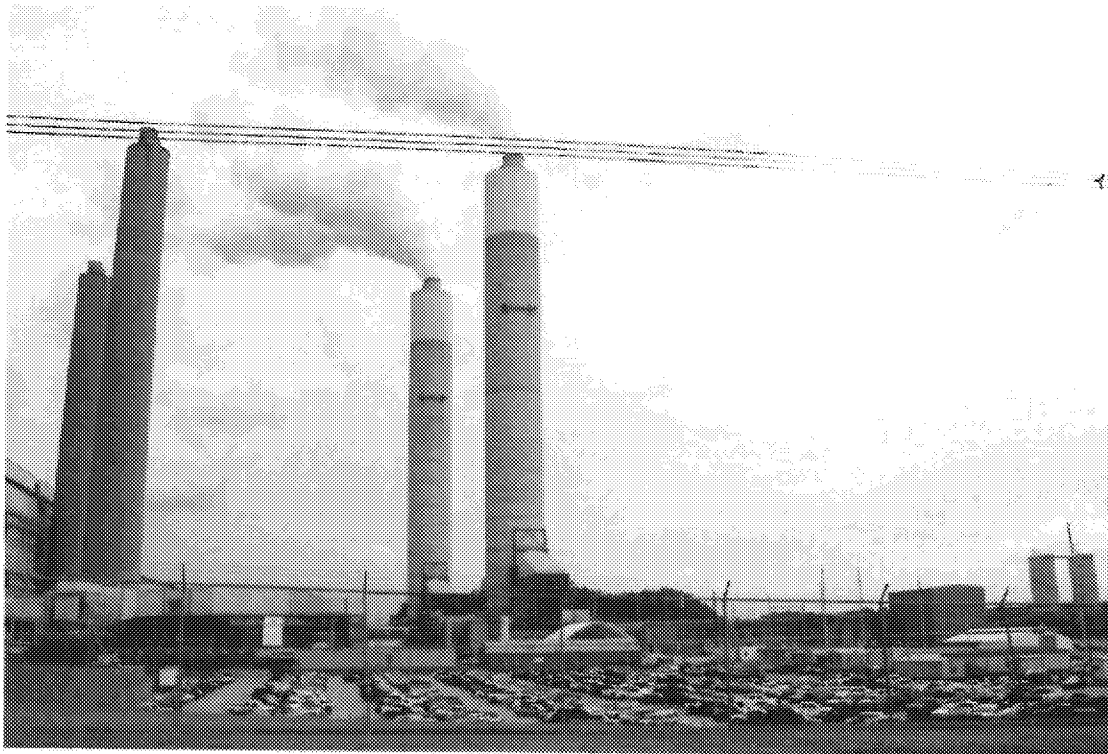
Trump's promises to decrease regulations and support the coal industry play well here. He didn't win Jefferson County, home of Birmingham, but in three of the counties near the plant, more than 80 percent of voters chose him.

In February 2016, while Barack Obama was president, representatives of Southern decried the Clean Power Plan as an example of the "EPA's overreaching mandates." The U.S. Supreme Court's stay on the rule that month was "the right decision for customers" and went a long way toward "preserving states' authority," Southern said. Alabama Power took an active role in the fight, joining those suing to stop the plan.

Alabama's then-attorney general, Luther Strange, called the stay a tremendous victory over "an unprecedented and illegal EPA rule. ... The Obama administration's EPA rule would shutter coal-fired power plants around the country, including in Alabama, while killing jobs and raising power bills for hard-working families."

plants. The federal agency and the company settled claims related to the Miller plant in 2006.

## 'BIGGEST EMPLOYER AROUND'



The parking lot at Miller fills up as employees stream in for the day shift. The plant has about 365 full time jobs, but can employ as many as 1,500 contractors as well, Alabama Power says.

Miller represents a steady source of jobs in the rural swath of northwestern Jefferson County.

"Alabama Power is the biggest employer around," Tammy Dollar says. "Everybody needs a job, and there's so many down there."

Day in and day out, the parking lot is packed with cars, and the Dollars can rattle off a host of relatives who earn a living there: an in-law who drove a coal train, a distant cousin who works as a security guard, a first cousin who's "way up there now."

According to Alabama Power, salaries at the plant range from around \$36,000 to about \$120,000 a year, or about \$74,000 on average. The company's Sznajderman said Miller employs around 365 people but can have as many as 1,500 contractors on site during

It's not an easy place to live beside — Paul Dollar isn't the only neighbor to say that. "I've called them. I've tried to ask them to buy me out," he said. "They say, 'Oh, we'll let you know. We're gonna let you know.' And I said, 'Are you waiting on me to die?'"

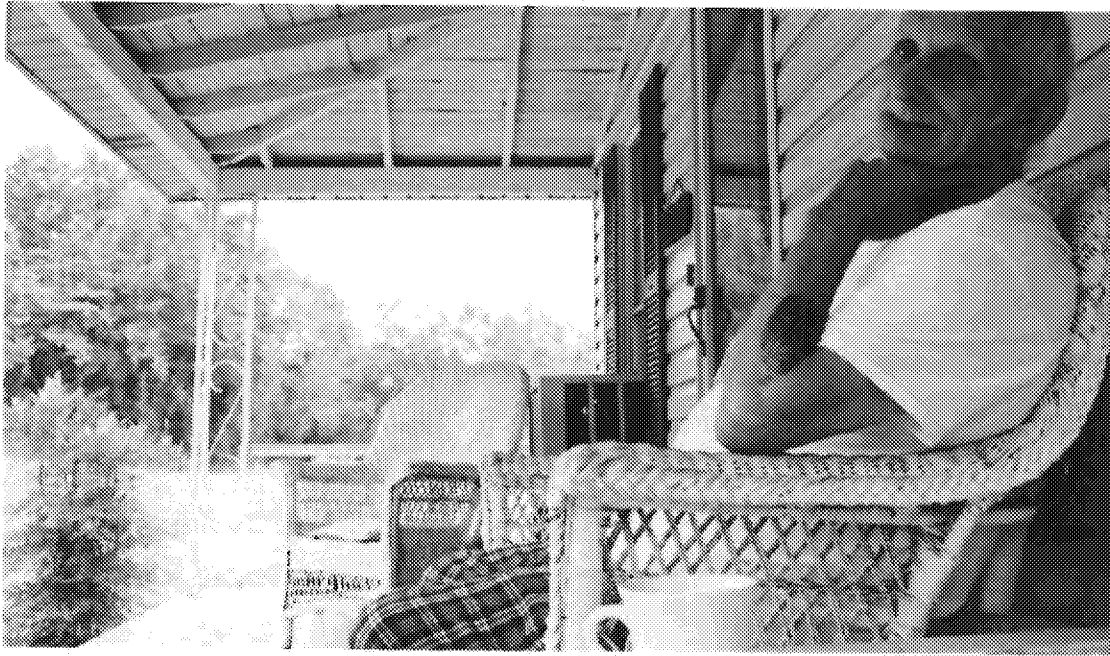
Sznajderman said Alabama Power has no record of an inquiry from Dollar but "we plan to follow up with him."

His complaints aside, Dollar said the plant's benefits are important — worth the coal dust on his car and racket that sometimes makes it impossible to sleep.

"Even if I could, I wouldn't shut it down because that's jobs for people," he said. "I'm not trying to put people out of business. I don't want to stop progress or people living, you know. If I had anything to do with that, if I had the power to shut it down: No, huh uh, I'd build more. I would let the plant go on giving people jobs and let it keep moving."

Nationally, however, the outlook isn't good. Pressured by low natural gas prices, coal lost its spot as the top fuel for electricity generation in 2016, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Coal's share fell from about 42 percent in 2011 to 30 percent last year, the EIA reported.

## SHIFTING MINDS



Paul Dollar, 75, has lived just a few hundred yards from the plant for over 30 years. He believes the plant is endangering his health, but says, "Even if I could, I wouldn't shut it down because that's jobs for people."

There's a stubbornness ingrained in the Scots-Irish ancestry of many of the people in this area, Colson says. This translates into fierce loyalty to the community and the Miller plant.

"That loyalty is a virtue," Colson said, "but that loyalty, in the face of reality, becomes a vice."

The plant is a mainstay, its benefits obvious. Climate change can seem nebulous and far off, even though some of its effects are already manifesting.

Nearly 70 percent of the people in Jefferson County believe in climate change, a 2016 Yale University study found, but only half believe it's caused mostly by human activities.

Around 65 percent think global warming will "harm future generations" at least a moderate amount, but only 39 percent believe it will "harm me personally" to that extent.

There are many barriers to overcome. People here first must believe that climate change is real. Then they must believe that it's harmful, that Miller is contributing to it and that they can do something about it.

In the case of Paul and Tammy Dollar, it's not that they're unconcerned about the plant's contribution to climate change – it's that the consequences seem too far down the road.

Ask them about global warming and they'll launch into a story about coal dust on their cars or a neighbor who's ill. That's real. It's there, to be touched and smelled and inhaled.

## MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?



According to EPA data, toxic air emissions at Miller have fallen by more than half over the past five years, so steps are being taken in the right direction. But carbon emissions haven't fallen nearly as fast.

The unhealthy gases, chemicals and metals Miller pumps into the air are on the decline. But its greenhouse-gas emissions haven't fallen nearly as much. It puts out about 1 million more metric tons of greenhouse gases than the No. 2 facility in the nation, the Scherer power plant in Georgia, owned partly by Southern.

What lies ahead for power production in the South remains a question, particularly in Miller's corner of Alabama. Michael Hansen, executive director of Gasp, a Birmingham-based environmental group, fears his state isn't poised to move in a climate-friendly direction.





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realize the force of greenhouse gases around them. We're going to need all the help we can get here."

But Colson has hope.

"There has been change – it does get better," he said. "So when people say, 'Oh, you're just stubborn,' or 'You're crazy to keep trying to see positive change in Alabama,' I say, 'Well, I might be crazy, but I've seen it.' It does not come at a precipitous speed, but it does come with due diligence."

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Thanks so much, Michal!

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**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Dourson

Thanks again for meeting -- talk to you soon --

Michal

Michael Dourson, a professor in the Risk Science Center at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, said in an email that "the overall work appears to be solid with numerous safeguards for assuring systematic review and data analysis." Dourson, who was not involved in the research, added, "the observed trends appear to be real, and not based on chance findings."

Yet, Dourson noted that he wondered about the "functional significance of the findings." The authors wrote that "poor sperm count is associated with overall morbidity and mortality," yet Dourson noted that "longevity is increasing" in Western countries so "these two observations do not appear to match."

"I suspect that obesity may have something to do with these trends, but measures of obesity, such as BMI (body mass-index) were not analyzed," said Dourson, who was recently nominated to head the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. "Overall, however, a request for funding for further exploration seems well founded."

**CNN: Sperm counts of Western men plummeting, analysis finds**

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/25/health/sperm-counts-declining-study/index.html>

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**Subject:** Re: EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."

Absolutely. I will arrange a briefing for you all. What time frame?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2017, at 7:15 PM, Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Troy,

Thanks for this information earlier today. Might we be able to do a call with EPA program staff just so we could better understand the proposal? We'd be fine if you invited our Majority counterparts as well.

Thanks,  
Mary Frances

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**Subject:** RE: EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."

We need to find some time to get our bosses together

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You are the best!

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**Subject:** RE:

Thanks - I hope the responses are complete. For example, a narrative response saying that chlorpyrifos has been used on crops for a super long time and the math is difficult so you gave yourselves til 2022 to do it will be very unsatisfying. ☺

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I do know that chlorpyrifos and BOSC should be coming out any day now

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**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE:

Good to meet you as well - these are the letters where EPW Members asked questions or for materials and didn't receive it. 8 have not received responses at all, 2 got incomplete responses.

Thanks  
Michal

Date	Topic of letter
3/16/2017	<u>Matters related to the RFS</u>
3/17/2017	<u>Responses during the confirmation hearing and transparency</u>
3/31/2017	<u>EPA reversal of decision to ban remaining uses of chlorpyrifos</u>
4/4/2017	<u>EPA and Secret Science</u>
4/6/2017	<u>Methane ICR</u>

4/7/2017	<a href="#">Clean Power Plan order process questions</a>
5/1/2017	<a href="#">Hatch Act Violation - OKGOP</a>
5/9/2017	<a href="#">Dismissal of 12 scientists from Board of Scientific Counselors</a>
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Nice meeting you in person. Could you send me the list when you get a chance

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**Subject:** RE: Congressman Davis Follow-Up

Thanks, all! I enjoyed visiting with you all and I look forward to working with you everyone.

You can send the invite to me and I will get it in the works.

I mentioned the Ag advisor position to our chief of staff, Ryan Jackson, and will forward him the resume.

For the SAB Ag standing committee, I will send (and copy you) it to our policy folks who can look into this in greater detail. It may be good for you all to come in a visit with them on this issue.

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**From:** Ballard, Jimmy [mailto:Jimmy.Ballard@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:52 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Daulby, Jen <Jen.Daulby@mail.house.gov>; Chiotti, Miles <Miles.Chiotti@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Congressman Davis Follow-Up

Hi Troy,

Thanks again for meeting with us.

A couple points to follow-up on.

- 1) The date of the Illinois State Fair's Agriculture Day is Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We can follow-up with an official invite, just let us know who we should send to.
- 2) I've attached the resume for Exemption 6 whom Congressman Davis mentioned as a good candidate for the Science Advisor position.
- 3) I've also attached the language from the 2014 Farm Bill establishing the Science Advisory Board's Agriculture Science Standing Committee. Note that it is Section 12307 of the 2014 Farm Bill. If possible, it would be great to get ag producers involved with the board.

Best,

Jimmy Ballard  
Legislative Assistant  
Office of Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13)  
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I think what I sent in was for lunch but I'll coordinate w Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Consolvo, Brandon <[Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hey can you guys work this out? Seems a little duplicative.

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**Subject:** RE: Quick call

Sorry, it's been non-stop around here since first thing this morning. If there are some dates you have in mind for him speaking to the Chairman's meeting shoot them my way and we can get it worked out. Would love to have him attend.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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From: Consolvo, Brandon [<mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 10:00 AM  
To: Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Quick call

Sounds good

-----Original Message-----

From: Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:59 AM  
To: Consolvo, Brandon <[Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Quick call

Just wanted to follow up on the Leader's invite to have the Administrator come to the Chairman's meeting he hosts and see what the schedule might look like to get it booked. I'll try and give you a ring shortly!

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From: Consolvo, Brandon [<mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:50 AM  
To: Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
Subject: RE: Quick call

Hey Aaron, apologies for missing this yesterday. Free for the next hour or so if you want to chat. 226-3255

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From: Ringel, Aaron [<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 10:47 AM  
To: Consolvo, Brandon <[Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov)>  
Subject: Quick call

Is there a good time for me to give you a ring today?

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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**Sent:** 5/22/2017 10:48:58 PM  
**To:** Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) [Gabrielle\_Batkin@epw.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov]; Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

I spoke w Susan and she needs to have her paperwork notarized and then can submit.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 22, 2017, at 2:19 PM, Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) <Gabrielle\_Batkin@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW); Repko, Mary Frances (EPW)  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian; Graham, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

No worries!

I think the paperwork should be getting to you all within a day or so.

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**From:** Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) [mailto:Gabrielle\_Batkin@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 2:16 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

So sorry Troy for our delay in responding. We definitely want to arrange this meeting. We'd like to make sure we've received all of her paperwork and have had a chance to review it and brief our boss before the meeting. Do you know the status of her paperwork, specifically the Committee's questionnaire? Thank you.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 2:12 PM  
**To:** Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW); Repko, Mary Frances (EPW)  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian; Graham, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

I wanted to circle back to see if Ranking Member Carper has time to meet with Susan Bodine. Many thanks.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 8:50 AM  
**To:** 'gabrielle\_batkin@epw.senate.gov' <gabrielle\_batkin@epw.senate.gov>; 'Repko, Mary Frances (EPW)' <mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting Request for Susan Bodine with Ranking Member Carper

Gabby and Mary Frances:

I hope this email finds you both well. As you know, Susan Bodine has been nominated to serve as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I have been informed by Susan that her committee paperwork should be finished in the next few days.

Does Ranking Member Carper have time to meet with the nominee?

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*

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**Sent:** 6/22/2017 7:56:32 PM  
**To:** Consolvo, Brandon [Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Quick call

No we haven't chatted yet

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Consolvo, Brandon <[Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hey can you guys work this out? Seems a little duplicative.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ringel, Aaron" <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** June 22, 2017 at 3:47:11 PM EDT  
**To:** "Consolvo, Brandon" <[Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Quick call

Sorry, it's been non-stop around here since first thing this morning. If there are some dates you have in mind for him speaking to the Chairman's meeting shoot them my way and we can get it worked out. Would love to have him attend.

Thanks,  
Aaron

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**Sent:** 6/21/2017 4:48:28 PM  
**To:** McGowan, Colleen [Colleen.McGowan@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**Subject:** RE: Rep. LaMalfa - Prior Converted Croplands Letter

Many thanks, Colleen. Aaron can assist.

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**From:** McGowan, Colleen [mailto:Colleen.McGowan@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Rep. LaMalfa - Prior Converted Croplands Letter

Hi Troy –

Rep. LaMalfa is planning on leading a letter to Secretary Pruitt on Prior Converted Croplands. It has been suggested that, in the means of accelerating this process, we first try setting up a meeting with Secretary Pruitt or staff covering wetlands policy. I attached the text of the letter for context. We'd ideally like to move quickly on the issue.

The main ask is that EPA coordinate with Army Corps to rescind the Stockton Rule (ECF No. 18-20), and uphold the underlying regulation excluding prior converted cropland converted to agricultural use prior to 1985 from CWA jurisdiction.

Thank you for your help on this issue.

**Colleen C. McGowan**

Senior Legislative Assistant  
Congressman Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)  
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**Sent:** 6/20/2017 1:29:08 PM  
**To:** Consolvo, Brandon [Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov]  
**CC:** Gourdikian, Alexandra [Alexandra.Gourdikian@mail.house.gov]; Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow Up

Absolutely—adding Maddie, the Administrator's scheduler.

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**From:** Consolvo, Brandon [mailto:Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Gourdikian, Alexandra <Alexandra.Gourdikian@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow Up

Troy, copying our scheduler who can help get the ball rolling on this.

Alex, a bit of context... KOM had a call with Pruitt a few weeks ago where they talked about getting lunch at the WH Mess later this summer. KOM also wants to invite Pruitt to address the Chairman at an upcoming meeting.

Troy, it would be helpful if you could loop in the Administrators scheduling team

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:21 AM  
**To:** Consolvo, Brandon <Brandon.Consolvo@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow Up

Not sure if Aaron has reached out to you yet but wanted to get something on the books for 1) lunch with Pruitt and McCarthy 2) Pruitt to address McCarthy's meeting with the House Chairs.

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**Troy M. Lyons**  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**Sent:** 5/18/2017 1:28:24 PM  
**To:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Will do. Thanks Richard.

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**From:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [mailto:Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:04 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Go ahead and schedule as you see fit. Let us know how we can help.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov>; Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Clifford, Brian (EPW) <Brian\_Clifford@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPW Meetings

Thanks, guys!

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**From:** Russell, Richard (EPW) [mailto:Richard\_Russell@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:24 AM  
**To:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Clifford, Brian (EPW) <Brian\_Clifford@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: EPW Meetings

Before you start scheduling. Let me think about the order of the first few meetings. Will circle back later today.

Richard Russell  
Staff Director  
Committee on Environment & Public Works

On May 17, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Troy,

Once the Committee receives Susan's nomination, it is okay for you to go ahead and begin scheduling meetings. I can let you know when it is officially referred to us. It will probably be today.

I am not sure there is a preferred time for setting up these meetings. I suppose that would be up to Susan's and each member's schedules. These meetings take precedence; but so you know, the Committee has hearings and markups on Wednesday mornings, which Susan is often involved in.

Ccing Richard Russell, our staff director, too, in case he has anything to add.

Best,

Matt

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** Leggett, Matt (EPW) <[Matt\\_Leggett@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Matt_Leggett@epw.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPW Meetings

Matt

Does Susan need to complete the committee questionnaire before we can start scheduling meetings? Also, is there a preferred time to set up these meetings?

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
202-309-2490

Message

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**Sent:** 6/15/2017 7:32:16 PM  
**To:** Gustafson, Eric [Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov]; Oehmen, Jon [Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Tickets

Absolutely. I will let you all know when we get there

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**From:** Gustafson, Eric [mailto:Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:30 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Oehmen, Jon <Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Tickets

Cool, then Bill would like to see you both too if it works out!

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:24 PM  
**To:** Gustafson, Eric; Oehmen, Jon  
**Subject:** RE: Tickets

Thank you, sir! I will be with the Admin. I think he is going to go down to the dugout for a bit but will then come back and mingle.

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**From:** Gustafson, Eric [mailto:Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:22 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Oehmen, Jon <Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Tickets

Hey Troy, here is the link: <http://m.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/info/congressional>

Keep us posted when you get there. Would be great to try and meet up.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2017 3:18 PM  
**To:** Oehmen, Jon; Gustafson, Eric  
**Subject:** Tickets

Do you know where I could purchase two tickets for tonight's game?

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**Troy M. Lyons**  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Exemption 6** (cell)

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**Sent:** 5/17/2017 3:20:57 PM  
**To:** Sommer, Jeff (Strange) [Jeff\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Strange Visits

Jeff—have you gotten any more clarity on a visit July 5, 6, 7?

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**From:** Sommer, Jeff (Strange) [mailto:Jeff\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:16 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Strange Visits

Good talking with yall today, thanks for reaching out.

Here are some open dates as of today.

Friday June 30  
Saturday July 1  
Monday July 3  
Tuesday July 4  
Wednesday July 5  
Thursday July 6  
Friday July 7  
Saturday July 8  
Friday Jul 14 (weekend too)  
Friday July 21 (weekend too)

Jeff Sommer  
*State Director*  
**U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)**  
Cell: **Ex. 6**  
[Jeff\\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jeff_Sommer@strange.senate.gov)

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**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Sommer, Jeff (Strange) <Jeff\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Strange Visits

Thanks, I will call you during that time period

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**From:** Sommer, Jeff (Strange) [mailto:Jeff\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 11:28 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Strange Visits

I can be available by phone this afternoon. I am open from 2pm-4pm.

Jeff Sommer  
*State Director*

**U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)**

Cell: **Ex. 6**

[Jeff\\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jeff_Sommer@strange.senate.gov)

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Sommer, Jeff (Strange) <[Jeff\\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jeff_Sommer@strange.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Senator Strange Visits

Jeff—Let me know if you have time to visit today.

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**From:** Sommer, Jeff (Strange) [[mailto:Jeff\\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jeff_Sommer@strange.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 3:05 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Senator Strange Visits

Do y'all have a local office here in Alabama or what have you done in the past?

Jeff Sommer  
State Director  
U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)

On May 12, 2017, at 1:49 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Jeff!

We do not have plans and were hoping to visit w the senator that week if that is possible

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2017, at 12:40 PM, Sommer, Jeff (Strange) <[Jeff\\_Sommer@strange.senate.gov](mailto:Jeff_Sommer@strange.senate.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Lyons,

I received an email regarding potential meetings and visits with the EPA to local plants here in Alabama. I am the point of contact to arrange possible visits. Do you have visits on scheduled already for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>? Or how have you proceeded on these types of things with other offices?

Thanks,

Jeff Sommer  
*State Director*  
**U.S. Senator Luther Strange (AL)**  
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**Sent:** 6/13/2017 11:23:09 AM  
**To:** Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) [Emily\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov]; Dickerson, Tom [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6f65d0e5f06246a59e1929845a63d367-TDICKERS]  
**CC:** Aarons, Kyle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ef85c3c00a2244779c4b26ff6bc6ccc9-Aarons, Kyl]  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

We hope to have something to you soon. I can keep you updated on the progress.

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**From:** Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) [mailto:Emily\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:20 AM  
**To:** Dickerson, Tom <Dickerson.Tom@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Thanks so much. Any sense of timing on the five, particularly the oldest one sent on March 16th?

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**From:** Dickerson, Tom  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 7:45 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy; Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse)  
**Cc:** Aarons, Kyle  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Hi Emily,

Please I am attaching our responses to numbers 2,5,6, 7, and 8.

Hope this helps, and we'll make sure to send future responses to you by email.

Thanks.

Tom Dickerson  
Office of Congressional Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
(202) 564-3638

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 5:13 PM  
**To:** Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) <Emily\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Aarons, Kyle <Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Tom <Dickerson.Tom@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Following up

Thanks, Emily. We chatted with Michal last week and it appears they have not received some of our sent responses either. Moving forward, we will send them directly to you.

I have copied Kyle and Tom on the team who can send you some of the responses we have sent. Also, for #6, we are working on an additional letter to provide more information.

Also always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Troy

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**From:** Enderle, Emily (Whitehouse) [[mailto:Emily\\_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov](mailto:Emily_Enderle@whitehouse.senate.gov)]

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 5:08 PM

**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Following up

Hi Troy,

I'm following up with you on the below list of outstanding letters Senator Whitehouse raised during his meeting with Susan Bodine last week. I've heard EPA has sent responses to some of the letters to other offices, but we haven't received anything from EPA. It'd be much appreciated if you could send me any responses to these letters and updates on when we might expect responses to the others.

Thanks,  
Emily

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**Emily Enderle**

Chief Environmental Policy Advisor

Office of Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

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#### **Summary of Outstanding Whitehouse Letters to Administrator Pruitt**

- 1) **March 16, 2017** – Senators Whitehouse, Warren, Stabenow, Brown, Franken, and Baldwin requested information regarding Carl Icahn's role in RFS discussions at EPA.  
**Deadline:** March 23, 2017  
**Response:** None.
- 2) **March 17, 2017** – Senators Carper, Sanders, Whitehouse, Markey, Duckworth asked Pruitt to correct the record regarding his use of a personal email address to conduct official business; compliance with the EPA policy regarding the use of personal email accounts; release of his calendar; concerns about secrecy associated with transition and other political appointees; and transparent and timely review of FOIA requests.  
**Deadline:** April 7, 2017  
**Response:** Partial.
- 3) **April 3, 2017** – Senators Schatz, Cardin, Van Hollen, Whitehouse, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Reed, Hassan, Merkley, Markey, and Booker asked questions regarding the Clean Water Rule (in response to Executive Order 13778, which directs the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to consider weakening the rule significantly).  
**Response:** None.
- 4) **April 5, 2017** – Senators Schatz, Markey, and Whitehouse requested assurances regarding stakeholder engagement, transparency, and scientific integrity (in response to two memoranda issued by Pruitt on

“Executive Order 13777: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda” and “Improved Management of Regulatory Actions”).

**Response:** None.

5) **April 6, 2017** – Senators Carper, Leahy, Feinstein, Warren, Gillibrand, Whitehouse, Markey, Merkley, Schatz, Bennet, Duckworth, Harris, Murray, Franken, Udall, Murphy, and Wyden requested information pertaining to EPA’s notice withdrawing the Information Collection Request for methane emissions from existing oil and gas production.

**Deadline:** April 17, 2017

**Response:** None.

6) **April 7, 2017** – Senators Carper, Franken, Hassan, Blumenthal, Schatz, Whitehouse, Warren, Murray, Udall, Shaheen, Merkley, Harris, Bennet, Markey, Coons, Wyden, Gillibrand, Hirono, Klobuchar, Menendez, Feinstein, Cantwell, and Van Hollen requesting information pertaining to EPA’s decision to review the Clean Power Plan.

**Deadline:** May 4, 2017

**Response:** None.

7) **April 14, 2017** – Senators Whitehouse, Schatz, Carper, and Markey requested information about EPA’s decision-making process regarding its withdrawal of the Information Collection Request for methane emissions from existing oil and gas production.

**Deadline:** May 7, 2017

**Response:** None.

8) **May 1, 2017** – Senators Carper, Whitehouse, Merkley, and Markey requesting information and documents related to the OKGOP gala Administrator Pruitt had been scheduled to headline.

**Deadline:** May 19, 2017

**Response:** None.

9) **May 16, 2017** – Whitehouse and Merkley requested information pertaining to Elizabeth “Tate” Bennett’s appointment as Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations at EPA.

**Deadline:** June 2, 2017

**Response:** None.

10) **June 6, 2017** – Senators Whitehouse, Stabenow, Merkley, Warren, and Duckworth requested documents related to Carl Icahn’s role in the development of environmental policy and regulations at EPA.

**Deadline:** June 16, 2017

**Response:** None.

Message

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**Sent:** 5/17/2017 2:17:22 PM  
**To:** Gustafson, Eric [Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov]; Oehmen, Jon [Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: EPA Photographer  
**Attachments:** CongressmanFlores\_009.jpg

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

Here's one more but Michelle has a print I think the Administrator will sign and send over.

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WJC-North, Room 6330K

202.564.2655, office  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:06 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: EPA Photographer

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**Sent:** 5/17/2017 2:12:40 PM  
**To:** Gustafson, Eric [Eric.Gustafson@mail.house.gov]; Oehmen, Jon [Jon.Oehmen@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: EPA Photographer  
**Attachments:** 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_004.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_003.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_002.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_001.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_008.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_007.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_006.jpg; 2017-05-15\_CongressmanFlores\_005.jpg

Good seeing you guys yesterday—here are the pics from yesterday. I will get you all an autographed copy as well

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**Sent:** 4/27/2017 1:14:12 AM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Hupp, Sydney [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d50089ff1a5b4c83baa0160afe2c33cb-Hupp, Sydne]; Walsh, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=51f3bac3af644626b6a70f087751baca-EWalsh]  
**Subject:** Re: June 22

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2017, at 8:23 PM, Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov> wrote:

I can't recall if I responded to this, but yes, we'll arrange a hold room for the Administrator.

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:59 PM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: June 22

Glad we could work it out. Chris, could we also arrange for a hold room for the Administrator?

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [mailto:Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:57 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: June 22

One addendum – we'll actually be in SD-124.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:56 PM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: June 22

Awesome. Roping in Ed for his awareness. Thanks, Chris!

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [mailto:Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:55 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

Excellent news. We've blocked it off on Senator Murkowski's calendar and reserved SD-192. Glad we were able to make it work!

I'm finalizing a list of meeting topics with Senator Murkowski and will send them tomorrow – hopefully with a bit of background. Ed Walsh has also covered a bunch of meetings where she's raised some of these topics so he should also be able to help with context.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:45 PM

**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

Hey there, Tomassi-

We are rescheduling some meetings on June 27<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the hearing starting at 9:30 AM with a hard noon finish so he can catch a flight. Hopefully this still works on your end?

Also, feel free to send any meeting topics our way r.e. this Friday?

Thanks so much. Glad we could (hopefully) get that worked out!

Tate

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [[mailto:Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:53 PM

**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

Sure. Call Leif's number – Ex. 6 and the four of us can chat.

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 4:41 PM

**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: June 22

Hey there-

Can Troy and I give you a buzz? If so, what number is best?

Tate

On Apr 25, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Tate. The 15<sup>th</sup> really is the best day on our end and we've had to move things around to make it work. Our Full Committee is telling us that they prefer we not have

hearings in July b/c they could conflict with mark-ups, so we need to try and make June work. I understand the 14<sup>th</sup> doesn't work, but given the amount of travel the Administrator is doing in June, the 15<sup>th</sup> seems like it works schedule-wise.

I'm not sure how the 22<sup>nd</sup> became a day you set aside as we had initially asked for the Administrator's availability on the 4 Wednesdays in June. I then wrote and made clear that June 21 wouldn't work b/c Secretary Zinke had taken that date. In our call last week, I had asked you to check on June 28, and said that if it didn't work, we'd try to figure something else out. Maybe that's where wires got crossed, but as I noted in the email below, the 22<sup>nd</sup> does not work for us. I did not discuss the hearing date with Ryan b/c I didn't think it was necessary – and I was still waiting to hear back on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Can you check again on the 15<sup>th</sup>? I'm happy to chat with Ryan about it if that is the best way to resolve this. I apologize if it seems like we're being difficult on our end. We are trying to find the best way to make it work given the constraints that exist on both our ends.

Thanks.  
Chris

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:48 PM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>; Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: June 22

We were under the impression that the 22<sup>nd</sup> was still on the table and we had blocked it on his calendar. Ryan was good with that date, but we are afraid that the 15<sup>th</sup> is not going to be ample enough time to prepare/ rest. Ryan also said the 15<sup>th</sup> didn't come up during your call this past weekend. Is early July an option, seeing as we had originally discussed the last week of June anyways? He will have to testify in July in the House, unless the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June works for them.

Adding Troy on here too.

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [[mailto:Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:23 PM  
**To:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>; Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: June 22

Tomorrow works for me, but it seems like June 15 is really the only day in June that works for all the schedules, so to the extent you can convey that to Ryan and we can lock it in, it would be much appreciated.

Thanks!  
Chris

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>; Bennett, Tate

<Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

Can I touch base with you tomorrow, please? Need to get the greenlight from Ryan.

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**Sydney Hupp**

Executive Scheduler

Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [mailto:Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 4:44 PM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

I've confirmed with Senator Murkowski's scheduler and with Senator Udall's office that June 15 works. Can we lock in 10 AM in SD-192?

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:31 AM

**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

We are traveling on the following Tues/Wed/Thurs near and around June: May 30, May 31, June 1, June 6, June 7, June 8, June 13, June 27, June 28, June 29.

June 14 we are in town but he will be returning from international travel the night before and will be very jet lagged. That date wouldn't work on our end.

Thank you!!

Sydney Hupp

Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [mailto:Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:21 AM

**To:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: June 22

Thanks, Tate and Sydney. I'm sorry wires got crossed b/c the 22<sup>nd</sup> doesn't work for us.

Tate – Just tried to give you a call. I recall the Administrator returns on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Can you check on the 14<sup>th</sup>? I know that isn't ideal, but I'm just trying to figure out a day that will work for everyone.

If the 14<sup>th</sup> just won't work, can you give me a few dates in June (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday) that would work and I'll check with Senator Murkowski's scheduler and Senator Udall's office as well. FYI – June 20<sup>th</sup> doesn't work on our end, so that week is out.

Let me know if there are any questions. Thanks!  
Chris

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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:01 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov](mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov)>; Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: June 22

Absolutely! We are set to be out of the country on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: June 22

I do recall discussing how the 21st was no longer available. However, I wrote down that you had mentioned the day after Sec. Zinke, the 22nd, was an option.

Sydney, can you weigh in on the 28th or other dates in case the 22nd is no longer an option?

On Apr 24, 2017, at 10:18 AM, Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)> wrote:

Hey Tate — Do you mean June 28? That's the day we were shooting for when we chatted last week since the Administrator was unavailable on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (and the 21<sup>st</sup> was taken by Secretary Zinke).

I'll definitely send along some topics for the meeting...hopefully will have them for you later today.

Thanks.  
Chris

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**From:** Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <[Chris\\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** June 22

Hey Chris—

Thanks again for your patience.

The Administrator is able to testify on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Does that still work on your end?

Also, do you mind sharing a few of the issues your boss would like to discuss at their meeting on Friday? Thanks!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
Senior Advisor to the Administrator  
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**Sent:** 4/27/2017 12:18:33 AM  
**To:** Stevens, Mae (Cardin) [Mae\_Stevens@cardin.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA POC

Thanks, Mae! Thursday would work better- how about 1 or 2 ish? Look forward to visiting!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Stevens, Mae (Cardin) <Mae\_Stevens@cardin.senate.gov> wrote:

Excellent! so nice to e-meet you. lets get together in person to chat—do you have time maybe Wednesday or Thursday next week?

Thanks!  
Mae

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 7:36 AM  
**To:** Lynch, Chris (Cardin) <Chris\_Lynch@cardin.senate.gov>; Stevens, Mae (Cardin) <Mae\_Stevens@cardin.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA POC

Chris, Mae:

I hope this note finds you both well. We have not had an opportunity to meet so I wanted to send you both a note to introduce myself—and I am a Baltimore native! Let's find some time to visit when schedules align.

I am the new Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at EPA. Please feel free to reach out to me if you all have any questions. Also, as you send in letters or inquiries, you can send them directly to me and I will get them to the appropriate staff.

Look forward to working with you both.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
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**Sent:** 4/26/2017 8:49:48 PM  
**To:** Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Chairman Murkowski/Administrator Pruitt Meeting

Any update on the items ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2017, at 8:33 AM, Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Troy.

Generally, she wants to discuss the FY18 budget, but I'm going to chat with her to finalize the list of topics and will share those with you as soon as I have it.

----- Original message -----

From: "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Date: 4/24/17 8:32 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Hayes, Colin (Energy)" <Colin\_Hayes@energy.senate.gov>, "Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations)" <Chris\_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>  
Subject: Chairman Murkowski/Administrator Pruitt Meeting

Colin, Chris:

I wanted to touch base with the two of you to check what issues the Chairman plans to raise with the Administrator on Friday. I am starting to put together a memo and want to make sure I hit all of the key issues.

Chris—I know we are working to pin down a date for the approps hearing. I apologize it has been so difficult to lock something in on our end.

Let me know if you all need anything from our end in front of the meeting.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
Associate Administrator  
Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=15E4881C95044AB49C6C35A0F5EEF67E-LYONS, TROY]  
**Sent:** 5/9/2017 7:39:33 PM  
**To:** Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Coffee

No need to apologize—I know how hectic the schedules can be. 3:00 is great.

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**From:** Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [mailto:mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 3:31 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Coffee

Troy,

The Senator now has a meeting at 4:30. Apologies for needed to ask for a new time. I have 3 and 4 available, would that work?

Thanks,  
Mary Frances

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**From:** Repko, Mary Frances (EPW)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2017 9:00 PM  
**To:** 'Lyons, Troy' <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Coffee

Would 4:30 Thurs be workable?

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <mary\_frances\_repko@epw.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** Coffee

Mary Frances,

I hope you had a good weekend. I want to see if you have time this week or next to grab coffee.

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons  
*Associate Administrator*  
*Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*  
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**Sent:** 4/6/2017 2:42:07 PM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark [Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

I'm now happy that I am able to help! As always, let me know how I can help!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2017, at 10:39 AM, Gruman, Mark <Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

You the man – thanks again!

Mark

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Glad this worked out!

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On Apr 6, 2017, at 10:34 AM, Gruman, Mark <Mark.Gruman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

That's excellent to hear, Sydney. One addition ... Congressman Cramer would like to join as well. I will work on the attachment, and convey back to you asap.

Thanks everyone!

**Mark Gruman**  
*Chief of Staff/Legislative Director*  
Rep. Kevin Cramer | North Dakota  
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**From:** Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy; Dickerson, Aaron  
**Subject:** Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Mark,

Hope your day is going well! Troy forwarded over your request to set up a meeting with Administrator Pruitt and some ND folks. Thank you for reaching out! This looks like something we should be able to arrange on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Would you forward along the attached meeting request form for them to fill out so that we may go forward with getting it on the calendar?

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp  
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2017 3:57:18 PM  
**To:** Joseph Brazauskas [Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** Pruitt Pics  
**Attachments:** image1.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Good seeing you today. I snapped a few pics of the meeting this morning. Do you have any objections to us using?

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**From:** Lyons, Troy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=15E4881C95044AB49C6C35A0F5EEF67E-LYONS, TROY]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2017 7:24:40 PM  
**To:** Brazauskas, Joseph [Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brazauskas, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 3:24 PM  
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Troy - what is your direct?

-----Original Message-----

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 2:56 PM  
To: Brazauskas, Joseph <Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov>  
Subject: RE: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Many thanks, Joe. Just want to make sure I have covered all of the topics the Chairman wishes to discuss with the Administrator--HONEST ACT, SAB Reform Act

-----Original Message-----

From: Brazauskas, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 2:55 PM  
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
Subject: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Troy,

I am the Environment Subcommittee Staff Director on the House Science Committee for Chairman Smith. I understand you have some questions about the meeting tomorrow with Administrator Pruitt, I am currently on the House floor and will give you a call when I return to my desk.

Thank you,  
Joe

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** 4/4/2017 6:45:16 PM  
**To:** ags@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Meeting with Administrator Pruitt

Abigail:

I just joined the EPA as the new Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. One of the first meetings I am handling is the Chairman's meeting tomorrow with Administrator Pruitt.

I understand the Chairman wishes to discuss the HONEST Act as well as the SBA Reform Act. Is there anything else he wishes to discuss?

Many thanks!

Troy

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**Sent:** 8/10/2017 5:36:51 PM  
**To:** Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) [Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Haman, Patricia [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=0ebb27cd881d41b19a30a491dc3f3f57-phaman]  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting

Sorry for the delay, Elizabeth. I have been on the road the last two week.

Pat, can you work with Elizabeth to schedule time for the Air office to brief her on the office's initiatives?

Many thanks,

Troy

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**From:** Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) [mailto:Elizabeth\_Horner@epw.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2017 12:34 PM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting

Hi Troy,

The best dates for me would be any day next week (7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>) or the 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth L. Horner  
Majority Counsel  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
[Elizabeth\\_Horner@epw.senate.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov)  
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**Sent:** 8/3/2017 11:11:46 PM  
**To:** Murray - GovOffice, Ali [alexandra.murray@state.co.us]  
**CC:** djfriednash@state.co.us; amy\_barrera@gardner.senate.gov [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9e81c027fe374ebc8c76adf6aa8a7f00-amy\_barrera]; julia\_duval@bennet.senate.gov [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9147578b01a442a1b0522cbd0af08a04-julia\_duval]; Darlene.Marcus@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Update

Do you all have a sense of how many cars will be in the motorcade? There has been some rain which has made access to the mine difficult.

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On Aug 3, 2017, at 3:30 PM, Murray - GovOffice, Ali <[alexandra.murray@state.co.us](mailto:alexandra.murray@state.co.us)> wrote:

For the Governor, it will be:

Governor Hickenlooper  
Doug Friednash, Chief of Staff  
Donna Lynne, Lt. Governor  
Dr. Larry Wolk, Executive Director of the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment

On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 3:22 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

All-please send the name of the staff members who plan to accompany the principles tomorrow.

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> On Aug 3, 2017, at 1:33 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

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> All-we look forward to a good group visit tomorrow. I appreciate your flexibility and understand of the hectic schedule.

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> The group will meet at Gladstone (see map below)at 1030. The tour will begin promptly at 11:00 and will end at 12:15 to give the group time to get to the town hall.

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> Please feel free to give me a buzz if you have any questions.

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**Sent:** 8/1/2017 7:36:56 PM  
**To:** amy\_barrera@gardner.senate.gov [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=9e81c027fe374ebc8c76adf6aa8a7f00-amy\_barrera]  
**Subject:** Re: PLEASE HOLD CLOSE--Draft Agenda for Friday

Press portion has been nixed.

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On Aug 1, 2017, at 1:36 PM, Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Here is the rough line by line for Friday in Gladstone, Colorado:

- **10:45 a.m. MT** – Meet in Gladstone near the water treatment plant for the Gold King Mine tour
- **11:00 – 11:40 a.m. MT** – Tour of Gold King Mine site
- **11:45 – 12:00 p.m. MT** – Media availability with Administrator Pruitt, Governor Hickenlooper, Senator Bennet, Senator Gardner adjacent to the water treatment plant under a tent with a podium. Press list to follow.
- **12:05 p.m. MT** – Depart

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations  
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